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A hearty meal

There were lines halfway to the door for the 18th annual Haliburton Highlands Outdoor Association Wild Game Dinner Auction and Dance held at the Royal Canadian Legion Haliburton branch on Saturday, March 19. See more on page 24. Darren Lum Echo staff

Few businesses accessible, survey finds

Jenn Watt
Editor

to be made, the county's Aging Well accessibility committee has found.

In a "silent" survey of 137 Haliburton businesses, only 25 per cent were accessible to people in walkers, wheelchairs or pushing strollers.

Fifty-six per cent were accessible to those using canes and 19 per cent were accessible to only able-bodied people.

"I was thinking, how much of a problem is this getting into these stores? I thought, let's do a survey," said Bev Kraulis, a member of the committee.

Along with her husband Olaf and committee members Diana McCullough and Richard Hanson, Kraulis visited businesses, offices and

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Through the Ministry of Tourism and Culture's Celebrate Ontario grant, left, MPP Rick Johnson presented the Haliburton BIA's administrator and Colourfest committee member, Jim Frost, Colourfest event coordinator, Jerelyn Craden, executive member and Colourfest committee member, Andy Glecoff and its chair Luke Schell with \$27,000 for the 2011 Colourfest event. The money will help pay for the yet-to-be-announced headline act, but event organizers said this amount is the just the start for what is needed for the second year of the rebranding of the Fall Festival event. There is great opportunity for local sponsorship to fund the event, including a complementary list of other acts and local talent.

Darren Lum Echo staff



Colourfest still needs support

Despite landing a major Celebrate Ontario grant for \$27,000, Haliburton's Colourfest organizer says community support is still needed.

The government money will be applied to new additions to the fall festival, as is specified by the funding application, in order to draw more tourists to Haliburton.

That means paying for the basic event itself is still up to sponsors.

"Because we also want to include the very popular talent and activities of last year, sponsorship dollars are just as necessary and important to the continuing success of Colourfest as ever," said Jerelyn Craden, who coordinates Colourfest for the Business Improvement Area.

The new money will go to headliner acts, staging and sound.

"The exciting thing is, with these new attractions, plus all

of the wonderful talent and activities that we will offer again this year, sponsors will benefit from high visibility to so many more visitors who will be here for Colourfest and the Haliburton County Studio Tour," she said.

Colourfest is planned for Saturday, Oct. 1.

Local CAS to request increased allowance for Crown wards

Crown wards leaving the system may get a cost-of-living increase.

Hugh Nicholson, director of the Kawartha Haliburton Children's Aid Society, said youths aged 18 to 21 are now receiving a monthly allowance of \$850, which was increased from \$830 in December.

The board will be asked in April to increase that to \$900 per month because of continued rising food and living costs, he said.

"We place a high priority on supports like this," Nicholson said.

Nicholson said those youths, a total of 49, are old enough to be leaving the care of the CAS.

Many are involved in post-secondary education, job training, are waiting to get into a post-secondary school or are waiting for a job.

The CAS money helps pay their rent, and food costs, he said, adding that CAS usually gives the rent money directly to the landlord.

But rent costs have increased 15 per cent within the last two years, he said, and food prices have gone up as well.

Money for these youths was always a little tight to begin with, he said, and the situation was getting worse.

Nicholson also informed the board of directors that he would retire Dec. 31. The information was given to the board Wednesday, March 16.

He headed up the local branch starting in 2003.

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Head Lake Ice Contest deadline announced

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news and events worth noting

It's time to get your best guess in for the annual Head Lake Ice Melt Contest. Spring-like weather has already descended on Haliburton County and it won't be long until Head Lake returns to its liquid state.

The person with the closest guess to what date and time the last cube of ice melts in Head Lake will win a one-year subscription to the *Haliburton Echo* or the *Minden Times*.

All guesses must be in by Friday, April 8 at 5 p.m.

Send your guesses by email to editor@haliburtonecho.ca; by fax to 705-457-3275; or by mail to Ice Contest, Haliburton Echo, 146 Highland Street, PO Box 360, Haliburton, Ont., K0M 1S0. You can also drop off your guess to the above location.

Good luck!

Happy 101st Mabel!

Gooderham's Mabel Winder will be 101 years old March 27. Winder will be celebrating this birthday in Highland Wood. Last year, Winder's 100th birthday party was attended by many local dignitaries. She once ran a trailer park with her family on Tamarack Lake and told the *Echo* last year that she didn't retire until she was 85 years old.

Student art show and sale

Haliburton School of the Arts students will be displaying and selling their work at their end-of-semester show entitled Legion on Saturday, April 16.

The one-day exhibition runs 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Fleming College campus and current diploma students will be discussing their works, answering questions and selling original pieces.

Some media represented include jewelry, glassblowing, painting, drawing and digital design. Refreshments will also be offered.

The show is free.

The Art Hive expanding

Artists who weren't able to become members of the Art Hive previously, might want to consider the new "exhibiting artist membership."

The Art Hive Maple Lake Artisans Collective is expanding its retail presence on Highway 118 between Carnarvon and West Guilford and is now accepting artists who want to have their work sold by the group.

Unlike collective memberships, which stipulate that artists help staff the shop, the exhibiting membership allows artists to drop off work to be sold with the Art Hive taking commission.

"It can be difficult for artists who have other jobs or family commitments to schedule time to work at the Art Hive," says founding member Sandi Luck. "We frequently have people coming into the store who would like to sell their work here, and until now that wasn't possible."

For further information to become either an exhibiting artist or full collective artist, contact the Art Hive at 705-754-0021, or email thearthive@live.ca.

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Budding artists design art cards

Parents, grandparents and children were busy creating Artist Trading Cards, also known as Art Cards, during the March break offering at the Rails End Gallery in Haliburton on Friday, March 18. The gallery was offering the opportunity to make the cards, providing instruction and materials from Wednesday to Friday during the afternoons. Cards are created using a mix of media and are traded between owners.

Darren Lum
Echo staff



School of the Arts launches pilot in Huntsville

Jenn Watt
Editor

Fleming College's Haliburton School of the Arts is launching a pilot project in the heart of Muskoka this summer, running 17 classes for three weeks.

The move will bring some of the popular courses to the people of Huntsville, while expanding the Haliburton brand into new territory.

The partnership makes sense, says principal Sandra Dupret, who worked on the project with Education Huntsville for two years, because of the similar cottage-based economies between Haliburton and Muskoka.

"We're probably one of the only schools in Canada where we're a cottage industry. We attract the type of folks who want to come up and enjoy their cottages and relax and be able to think with that other side of your brain or put yourself in another environment or be creative for a week. It's a natural fit," she said.

Courses will run July 11 to the end of that month out of the Summit Centre's Active Living Centre.

It's an opportunity Muskoka is embracing.

"The town of Huntsville sees the value of all education in all sectors. The cultural sector is one that we have recently done a fair amount of work on," Teri Souter, manager of heritage and culture for the town, said.

Souter explained that arts education fits into Huntsville's overall cultural development plan.

"We're pleased to be positioned this way to develop this robust sector," Souter said.

Huntsville will be renting the Active Living Centre out to the arts school.

If all of the spots are filled, 272 students will be enrolled in courses ranging from bookbinding to watercolour painting to storytelling and a couple of children's courses, with instructors coming from both Muskoka and Haliburton among other places.

"We want to be mindful of their creative economy as well [when choosing instructors]. On the other hand, we've brought our brand there, so with our brand comes our faculty," Dupret said.

Some of the familiar names include Annette Blady Van Mil, Fay Wilkinson and Gary Chapman.

The program won't be competing against Haliburton's school, Dupret said, because of the smaller course offering and the fact that many in Muskoka wouldn't be driving all the way to Haliburton for arts courses anyway.

"All those folks who come up in the summer and spend the summer there and have the beautiful cottages on the lake, they don't really want to drive three hours to take a course in Haliburton, but they want to take an art course. We're just bringing the course to them," she said.

"We're really hoping that we're not taking away from what we have and I don't think that we are, to be honest. If someone really wants to take totem pole carving, well, it's not going to happen up there, so they'll have to come to Haliburton if that's really what they want to take."

The Haliburton-based summer courses attract about 3,400 students every year to the Highlands.

The school has also partnered with Nipissing University allowing students with a diploma to go directly into the second year of their arts and culture degree. Nipissing offers a stream specified to potential teachers, which allows for those with a high average who have completed specific courses to get a guaranteed spot in teachers' college.

Japan's earthquake hits home

Darren Lum
Staff reporter

For millions in Japan, life has been almost too much to handle.

It's been more than a week since the magnitude 9 earthquake and the subsequent tsunami it caused, which marked an indelible trail of destruction behind leaving many without a home, intermittent hydro, diminishing food and fuel and a government without any public plan if things go wrong with the damaged northeastern nuclear plant on the verge of a meltdown.

Early last week, a 6.1 earthquake shook high-rise buildings and the confidence of Tokyo residents, alarming one Haliburtonian who knows first hand the resolve of the Japanese to cope with acts of Mother Nature.

There have been more than 150 aftershocks since the initial quake, considered the most powerful in recorded world history.

Many of us see the images in the newspapers and on the television screen and are shocked, but Karra Wesley, who taught English in Japan for four years, can barely watch.

When she first saw the news footage on television on Friday, March 11, she thought to herself, "Oh my God."

Wesley, the director of the Haliburton Language School, who has strong ties to the country, understands the Japanese well.

"They're not reactive the way we might be [to an earthquake] and now they are and that's the part that scares me," she said upon reading emails from friends following the most recent earthquake early last week.

Wesley understands the earthquake experience from her own time in Japan.

"I was in a 5.6 earthquake in Japan and within three hours no one was talking about it. There's me shaking for like a week and that's nothing. A magnitude 5.6 is nothing like what they had. And it petrified me to the point of actually wetting my pants that I was under a desk for hours because I was too afraid to come out," she said, laughing. "Anyone from here honestly would have had the same reaction. It literally felt like a freight train beside me. That's how earthquakes are. They're so used to that and it is just part of life that there is no reaction and you just go about your daily business and that's it. You get on with it and keep working because what's the point of stopping? Their stance is more: 'I'm OK. I survived. I've got to keep going for my family and for my country and [I] will. [I] will keep going.' That's the part that concerns me. That was the attitude they had even three days ago [now that is gone]."

She expected to make a business trip to Tokyo later this month, but changed her plans after receiving emails from her friends in Tokyo telling her to not to come.

"Now Tokyo is in a state of panic. I have friends that I know because I have direct contact that are really, really scared for their lives," she said, adding many have left Tokyo because earthquakes and the



An elderly man sits on a chair among rubble in Kesennuma City, Miyagi Prefecture, in this picture taken by Kyodo News on March 18. The area was devastated by a magnitude 9.0 earthquake and tsunami on March 11.

Reuters/Kyodo

At right, emergency workers walk past survivors sitting near debris in Rikuzentakata, Iwate prefecture, where the earthquake and tsunami hit.

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threat of increasing radiation levels from the nuclear plant. Many of her friends with children have left for other towns and cities while husbands remain behind for work when there are periods of electricity.

One of those closer friends in Tokyo is Makoto Baba.

Makoto lived with Wesley's mother in Waterloo when she was in Ontario and Wesley stayed with Makoto's family for a time while in Japan. They've been close friends for eight years.

"She is family to me," she said. "It definitely hits home."

Makoto and her husband have a three-year-old son and until recently didn't know what they were going to do without food, as grocery stores were cleaned out. Wesley doesn't know how she would have coped if she were in the same situation.

Rolling blackouts are expected to last until the end of April, despite the winter climate with sub-zero temperatures and five centimetres of snow on Thursday.

Unlike here in North America, she said, where people stock up on non-perishable



bles, in Japan people don't have the space to do that. Wesley has received emails from friends concerned about a lack of food – most people in Japan purchase groceries every other day if not every day.

"In Tokyo they literally live in tiny spaces and on top of each other. If they're telling me it's panic in Tokyo then that is not good," she said.

Her friend and business colleague Katsu Sakuma is in Tokyo now, having gone ahead of her. In an email he reiterated concern and warning to stay away.

He said he would make immediate plans to return to Canada now that the situation has worsened with a threat of more earthquakes and strong winds that may carry radiation.

Katsu is an ex-patriot, married to a Canadian and living in Port Hope, Ont.

Wesley has offered her home up to her friends and has volunteered to be the Haliburton County "third party fundraiser" for the Red Cross.

She's at a loss about what else she can do here for her friends in Japan and hopes that Haliburton will show its generosity and support towards a country that desperately needs it.

Seven days after the disaster struck Japan there was a moment of silence to show respect for the more than 16,000 people reported dead or missing.

People can donate through the website: www.redcross.ca or telephone at 1-800-418-1111.

Mentors reflect on life-changing opportunity

Angelica Blenich
Staff reporter

A devastating head injury at the age of 19 left John Simpson with no long-term memory.

Now at age 28, he is reliving his youth with the help of a little brother.

Simpson has been a volunteer with the Big Brothers Big Sisters organization of Kawartha Lakes and Haliburton since September 2009.

The decision to become involved, he said, came down to an interest in youth and making a difference.

A school bus mechanic by trade, Simpson spends about one day a week with his 11-year-old little brother enjoying simple activities such as playing board games or mountain biking.

"I believe it's made a difference," said Simpson. "I think he's a little more open than when we first started meeting in terms of social aspects. I learn a lot from him and he learns from me, so it works both ways."

With no biological younger siblings of his own, Simpson is enjoying the opportunity to be a role model for the first time in his life and would recommend the experience to others.

"It's a need and there are younger kids looking for big brothers as we speak," said Simpson, who is currently the only volunteer Big Brother in the Haliburton area.

"Most people who know me know that I'm just a big kid really. It's a good excuse for me to play video games or go tobogganing or just to be a kid again."

Apart from acting like a kid, volunteering as a Big Brother has helped him cope with his own past life experiences.

"Pretty much from the last year of high school and back I really don't remember anything," said Simpson. "So when people ask me about my childhood I tell them I'm still living it."

A retired educational assistant with the Toronto School Board, Louise Greene has been an in-school mentor at Archie Stouffer Elementary School since 2009.

Greene visits a female student enrolled in the school for one hour a week.

"I love it," said Greene. "If she wants to talk to me about things going on at home or school she can. I read books with her, play cards, she also really likes to bake and do crafts."

The experience, said Greene, has been very rewarding and one that she would recommend.

"The need is very great. There's a waiting list for mentors."



Angelica Blenich Echo staff

John Simpson is a bus mechanic and a volunteer Big Brother.

Greene is mentoring an eight-year-old girl and the partnership is one that is working well.

"I'm enjoying it and because I worked with kids most of my life that's why I decided to get involved."

Her favourite aspect of the program is reminding the participants of their value.

"In the end it's about letting them know that they're important, that they're special in your life. It brings a lot of good things to their life."

On Tuesday mornings, when Greene visits the school, she is continuously reminded of why she signed up.

"When I get there she says to me 'I love Tuesdays, because I love going to gym and I love seeing you.' When I hear that it touches me very much."

Those interested in becoming involved with the program in any capacity should contact the organization by calling 705-324-6800 or email klh@bigbrothersbig-sisters.info.

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Making tough choices

ON MARCH 9, our government did a good thing.

The majority of MPs voted in favour of a bill that will allow for generic medications to be supplied to poor countries at low cost.

It was a decision that pitted international aid advocates such as Stephen Lewis (former UN special envoy for HIV/AIDS in Africa) and Haliburton cottager Dr. James Orbinski (former Doctors Without Borders president and Dignitas International founder) against pharmaceutical companies, who argued Bill C-393 would erode intellectual property law.

After years of thought on the subject, our MP Barry Devolin decided to vote against the bill.

In a press release (you can read it on page 31 of this paper), Devolin said he wanted to help those 15 million suffering HIV/AIDS, but that this bill would not be effective and would trample the rights of name-brand drug companies.

Devolin says he struggled with this decision and I believe he did – he has always been known for his attention to and knowledge of international affairs – but he came down

on the wrong side of this one.

When the debate is between costing drug companies some money and saving the lives of millions, the decision is straightforward.

While some Conservative MPs and pharmaceutical companies have raised issue with this bill, just as many well-respected humanitarians have assured that this law will save lives.

If there's a chance that they're right, then it's a chance we should take.

Expanding our brand

When the Haliburton School of the Arts launches its pilot project into Huntsville this summer, our "Haliburton" name will go with it.

In fact, principal Sandra Dupret says, the Haliburton brand will be partially why people sign up for the course.

So often our county ends up playing second fiddle to Muskoka. This is a real opportunity for us to have our name and this place showcased to a wider cottage economy.

The project is good for the college, but as a pleasant side effect, it will be good for the rest of us, too.



Jenn Watt
Editor



Pine Lake

photo by Darren Lum

Let them eat cake

MARIE ANTOINETTE once lost her head after suggesting that the peasants eat cake. She might have done better hinting at something more nutritious.

That's why I was pleased to see that the provincial government has once again produced their *Guide to Eating Ontario Sport Fish*. This useful publication advises anglers on acceptable amounts of fish that they can consume from nearly 2,000 water bodies across the province. It's a fantastic and free angling resource.

My only problem with the guide is that it puts undue pressure on a guy like me. For instance, it notes that each month I can safely consume up to eight meals of walleye caught on my local lake.

Which is fine, except for the fact that, typically, I'd be lucky to catch eight meals a season. And they're small meals.

If the government truly wanted to help anglers I think they should have taken a different approach. Why not publish the *Guide to Eating Something Other Than Fish After a Day on the Water Didn't Go as Planned?*

I would write it for them for a nominal fee and I guarantee I'd fill it with expert advice too.

I've already mapped out Chapter One – I call it "We're eating spaghetti again." And Chapter Two is tentatively titled "Hotdogs are Crappie too."

The point here is that my book

wouldn't set the reader up with unrealistic expectations on how much protein he or she can gather from a lake. Or if it did, it would include things that could be purchased from the adjoining bait shops and marinas.

On the plus side, the *Guide to Eating Ontario Sport Fish* does suggest that our local waters are doing well. And it also supports the practice of throwing bigger fish back. This is because, if there are any contaminants in the waters, they are more likely to accumulate in the larger fish.

And this, despite what my friends say, is why I only target small fish. Also, on the odd occasion when I hook and lose a big fish, this is why I shed a few tears.

I don't cry because I lost the biggest lake trout I have ever seen. No, I cry because that laker might have to live with those contaminants for the rest of its life – which, to me, is very sad. I'm sensitive that way.

All in all, the *Guide to Eating Ontario Sport Fish* is a useful publication that every angler should consult on occasion. In fact, I believe that, if Marie Antoinette had known about it she might have modified that infamous sentence that got her in trouble.

Maybe to something like, "Let them eat fish – but according to the guide's recommendations."

The peasants just might have spared her. After all, it's hard to get mad about good advice.



Steve Galea
Loon Tales



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points of view

Going to Galaxie

IT WAS A SURPRISE to hear the cost. As the man handed over the change, Jeff and Monica exchanged looks. Rarely is the price of something less than expected but that was the case now. Without being asked, the movie theatre cashier had charged them the senior's price for their tickets. Several thoughts slipped through her mind like water over river rocks. Did they really look that old, like seniors? Of course they must. The cashier hadn't even asked their ages. Why didn't they feel different than they used to feel? What did "old" mean anyway?

Having just saved some money they could now blow it on snacks while they waited for show time. They were standing in what felt like an alien place, surrounded by flashing screens, whirling lights and bombarded by a cacophony of sounds. They hesitated. So many choices, so much to look at and take in all at once.

The edible offerings were different than the ancient movie snack bars of their youth. Yes there was popcorn but consumers were encouraged to "bump it up" to larger servings. In addition, one could choose pizza slices, frozen yogurt mixed with berries and so many other possibilities that Monica didn't even want to look. The theatre lobby resembled a combination food court and video arcade, the beeping thumping games area echoing up into the high, pennant-strewn ceiling.

Despite having had supper Jeff wanted to try a frozen yogurt concoction so they stood in line, trying to figure out the complicated menu. Monica dreaded the embarrassment when it was their turn to order, knowing neither of them had a clue what exactly was available.

The majority of clientele reflected those staffing the many counters in this cavernous theatre lobby. These were young students, probably from university or college, working their way either through school or a current romantic relationship.

Sprinkled amongst the throng, the odd older couple appeared to Monica to be as lost as she felt at the moment. There was just so much going on. Jeff pointed out to her the lack of places to sit other than a few café-style tables and chairs by a food counter. "They don't want us to sit; they want us to spend our money before the movie begins," he stated ruefully.

They had thirty minutes to kill so took a seat while Jeff worked on his huge plastic container of yogurt-berry something. It was an excellent vantage point for people watching.

Almost everyone around them were in couples, it being Saturday and date night. A few baseball caps could be seen but mostly the young men were spruced up for a night out, or at least as spruced up as people got in this age of casual dress. The females ranged from heavily made-up faces and snug fitting clothes to weary-faced young women who looked as though they had taken a break from studies, pausing only long enough to tie their hair back and wash their faces before heading out the door. Couples in the first fresh phases of romance stood close together solemnly holding hands or talking intently, eyes locked. The exception was older couples like Jeff and Monica. These folks also looked about at the youth, maybe reminiscing or simply taking in the overwhelming sights and sounds.

Monica thought the theatre's name "Galaxie" was appropriate for she felt like she was in a different universe. The Saturday afternoon matinees of her childhood, with their double feature westerns, news reels, cartoons and serial stories were long gone.

In those days the heavy velvet drapes would open majestically as the lights dimmed and the music faded. For the rest of the afternoon Monica would be lost to the outside world, inhabiting instead the dusty trails of the old West or jungles of colonial India and Africa. Tarzan swung from vines, cowboys were always the good guys and Tom and Jerry never failed to amuse.

Now bombs and bodies spewed all manner of colourful particles, and settings were either city streets or utterly unfathomable worlds. Commercials kicked it all off as the audience was exhorted to buy some product or service.

But the magic was still there. The sounds and images may be more perfect but the stories continued to follow the universal themes of love, revenge, greed and redemption. They were just placed in more complicated settings.

As Jeff and Monica dipped their hands into the popcorn, they watched the big screen, waiting for the excitement to begin. And it did.



Sharon Lynch
Down our Road



pic of the past

Back in 1984, these smiling skaters represented the Haliburton Figure Skating Club taking part in the Kawartha Highlands Interclub competition in Bancroft on March 4. Front, Tracy Popple; second row, Eliza O'Neil, Margaret Reiss, Fraenzi Greber, Joanne Smith; third row, Danielle LaRue, Tanya Easton; fourth row, Karen Elstone, Cindy Byers; and back row, Noelle LaRue, Carrie Billings. Absent was Carrie Martin.

letters to the editor

Look to Lindsay for Rail Trail lessons

To the Editor,

I would like to send an open letter to the community of Haliburton in regards to the Rail Trail.

Has anyone looked at Lindsay? Where they too made these changes because one group wanted a place to walk and ride their bikes. Losing money because of one special interest group does not make any sense.

Please don't allow your elected officials to make this change. Does your store, garage, etc benefit from the ATV community? Please send in your letters. Don't allow us all to be painted with the same brush.

I have come to your town every summer for 15 years on my quad, I would hate to see it come to an end. Last I looked the Haliburton Forest is a great place to walk if you are worried about motorized vehicles.

Many of us are courteous and move to the side when approaching pedestrians. Pamela Marsales of Friends of the Rail Trail, wake up – here was once a smoking train on that same trail. Our ATVs are much quieter and better for the environment. Do you cry when someone cuts their lawn, and feel sorry for every blade of grass?

Tom Lucas

Tax guide not a tax guide

The following is a copy of an email sent to MP Barry Devolin

Mr. Devolin,

I am very disappointed with your recent mailing. Your latest tax guide is not a tax guide. It is more a campaign pamphlet disguised as a helpful tax guide. I resent the fact that you used my money to produce and distribute this pamphlet. How can you use taxpayers' money to advertise your party? This is not right! Please tell me that you used party funds and not taxpayers' money to produce this pamphlet.

I am a senior (63) and am retired. Your guide says "Lower taxes for seniors?" You discuss four ways that help lower taxes. I just finished doing my taxes and here are my results compared to last year. My total income was \$50 less than last year and my basic federal tax was \$37 less than last year. How can you say "our Conservative government is delivering real tax savings to help seniors keep more money in their pockets"?

How are retired seniors going to handle large increases in gas, electricity, food, heating, house taxes etc. The only thing that has not risen is mortgage rates. Although this is good for many, most seniors have lived long enough to own their own home. I thought that owning my own home was my ticket to retirement and hedge against inflation. How wrong I was! By artificially keeping interest rates low you distort inflation. This in turn prevents ways I can increase my income

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letters

Seniors need pool and housing

To the Editor,

Unlike Mr. Harvey Clarke and as a "senior", I do not believe that affordable housing and community care for our generation should be juxtaposed to funding for community pools. Both are of importance to our well-being as "elders", and to the changing nature of Haliburton's permanent and seasonal residents.

First, I would guess that there are many of us elders who, at one time, loved to swim. But now when access to lakes and summer temperatures are uncertain, what could be more enjoyable and healthful than to go to a community-based pool for Aqua-fit or recreational dips? Water activity is gentle and medically recommended exercise for arthritis and knee, hip replacement therapy. What better place also for social and neighbourly engagement when winter tends to isolate many of us indoors?

A community pool can become an essential hub in our northern climate (Scandinavian countries have built such indoor facilities for decades).

A pool complex could also become commercially successful for year-round swim classes for school kids, diving courses, water polo events, synchronized swimming and family, recreational events. Perhaps, the private sector might see this as an opportunity to entice more tourism to Haliburton? As an example, who would ever have believed that Kinmount's movie theatre/museum would be known internationally, and continues to provide welcome entertainment for families especially when vacation days have too many rainy hours?

Let us pressure our local/federal political officials this coming fall to invest more funds for both affordable senior housing and a community pool. Since there was enough taxpayer money (\$50 million) to build Muskoka gazebos and paved roads to nowhere last spring, then, perhaps, we need to press even harder for our funding share this election year. But that's another letter to the editor.

Helena Hughes

Devolin's federal government pamphlets are wasteful

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through GIC interest or pension increase due to inflation. What the government really needs to do is cut spending and lower taxes.

I suggest you stop sending out a monthly pamphlet. It is wasteful. We have your website and we can access it whenever we want. You can request email addresses for those who want updates.

William Bunn
Haliburton

Send your letter to the editor to
editor@haliburtonecho.ca



St. Paddy's Day smiles abound

The James brothers, left, Daniel and Rowan, one-year-old twins, couldn't stop playing with the balloons, held by mother Sarah at the end of the St. Patrick's Day lunch hosted by the Royal Canadian Legion, Haliburton branch on Thursday, March 17.

Darren Lum Echo staff

At right, Sarah James, left, tries to put a novelty hat on her son, Rowan, as twin brother, Daniel, looks to take off his hat. The James family was visiting grandmother Cheryl James, who was helping with the event.



The service with a smile was owed to the ladies, left, Lesley Thacher, Penny Pegler, Cheryl James and Iris Freeman, who had her fellow servers laughing because of her button, Get Lucky, and her big bow. Patrons were served Irish beef stew, biscuits and dessert.



Celebrating discovery and seeking a better county

Darren Lum
Staff reporter

Sounds of applause echoed in the Great Hall of Fleming College for the research conducted this past year within Haliburton County at the 11th annual U-Links Celebration of Research Saturday, March 19.

The large space was near capacity with student researchers, community residents and political dignitaries interested in sharing and learning about not only the research findings, but the methods that led up to them.

With more than 25 research presentation booths covering cultural, social, environmental and economical topics completed by students from the University of Guelph, University of Toronto and Trent University, the event gave the public an opportunity to learn from the researchers after speeches were completed.

The research is a result of the relationship built by U-Links between the community and post-secondary institutions.

"This event is an annual event that really is a celebration of that link," Reid said of the relationship between universities and the county.

The research results are often the catalyst for things that happen in Haliburton County, she said.

There are three specific things being celebrated: commitment from Trent University, support from the Ontario Trillium Foundation, and the partnership being formed with the University of Toronto.

U-Links is a non-profit organization that is part of the Haliburton County Community Cooperative and was established in 1999.

Its mandate is to provide assistance to community organizations, businesses and municipalities in finding practical information to support social, cultural, environmental and economic development in Haliburton County.

After the introduction by Reid, Trent University's president, Dr. Steven Franklin, addressed the audience about celebrating the students' efforts, but also acknowledged the benefits of what research means for students.

"One of the best ways [to learn] is hands-on research opportunities so all the students who have been participating in the U-Links program and this community hosted projects have learned a tremendous amount. It's a great tribute to the hosts and to the students themselves," he said.

The event's keynote speaker was Haliburton Highlands Health Services president and CEO Paul Rosebush, who uses research and applies findings in his own decision-making in health care.

His presentation was on the nature of integrated services and how social services and health-care services can be integrated, comparing it to computer software.

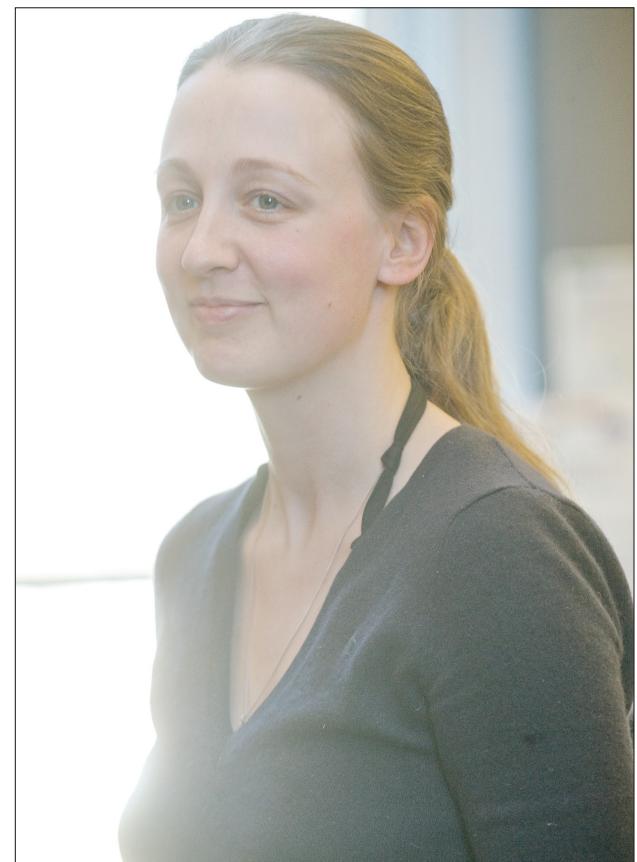
"If we're going to do an adequate job in our roles as health care or community leaders we've got to make sure we're planning and organizing social services and health services. That means aligning dollars, aligning incentives, aligning the way we design those programs so that they are all inter-operable just like your computer," he said in conclusion.

U-Links's newest member, Emma Horrigan, was introduced to the community, as a community researcher.

Her addition was made partly possible by an \$80,000 Ontario Trillium Foundation grant paid over a three-year period, including a contribution by U-links and other community partners.

"This funding is really intended to enable U-Links and expand what we do and support the different types of research long-term in nature relevant to Haliburton County," Reid said.

MPP Rick Johnson and Ontario Trillium Foundation's volunteer Klara Oyler were in attendance for the presentation and the event.



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Emma Horrigan is the newest addition to the U-Links Centre for Community-Based Research.



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Retired principal Penny Obee, seen here with husband Bill, died March 14 while on holiday. /File photo

Penny Obee dies in Costa Rica

Jenn Watt
Editor

The county lost one of its most active community members after Penny Obee of the Carnarvon area passed away while on vacation in Costa Rica.

A strong riptide in Playa Bejuco carried Penny out to sea March 14 as she was swimming. Her body was later recovered.

She was 64.

Penny and her husband Bill, a former Minden Hills councillor, have three grown children: Hunter, Janna and Meaghan.

She was most recently a travel agent, but also had a long career in education.

Before becoming principal of Bracebridge and Muskoka Lakes Secondary School, she was vice-principal at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School and also worked at Archie Stouffer Elementary School.

"She had the energy of five people and the enthusiasm of 10," said former HHSS principal Gary Brohman, who worked with Penny for more than two years in the mid 1990s.

"She was a caring, caring lady who put a lot of energy into kids. She'll be sadly missed in our community."

It was Penny's larger-than-life personality that longtime friend and colleague Debbie Wales will miss the most.

"She just filled the room with laughter and fun. She was just an amazing, amazing person. She lived every minute," Wales said.

"She was so incredibly talented and so giving. She did that little extra thing that made things special."

As of press time, no memorial plans have been made by the family.

County councillors take a look at mineral tourism

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

It looks like mineral tourism will be coming to Haliburton County.

At a March 9 economic development committee meeting, councillors heard from local geology expert Michael Bainbridge who has been working on a mineral tourism strategy for the county.

Bainbridge was also recently named recreational geology project coordinator for Ontario's Highlands, the regional tourism organization formerly known as RTO 11.

Bainbridge first visited councillors a year ago about his plans for a mineral tourism strategy for the area, the first phase of which he called "primarily an inventory of sites of interest," is basically complete.

Bainbridge said there are a number of sites within the county that could easily become attractions for mineral collectors.

"I'm not here today to make site-specific recommendations," he told councillors, adding securing specific sites would be the next step.

Rather, Bainbridge's visit was to convince councillors the county should take a role, specifically as the manager of sites within its boundaries.

This would require paying the province for mineral rights, which can be held for many, many years.

Bainbridge stressed the sites he was looking at were all on Crown land, but said some would require crossing private property and that consultation with landowners would be necessary

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The key for the initiative is to bring new sites online.

— Michael Bainbridge

in some cases.

He stressed what he was talking about was hobby collecting.

"This is not a mining endeavour," Bainbridge said.

Bainbridge is working on a similar plan for Ontario's Highlands - which includes Haliburton, Renfrew and Lanark counties, as well as parts of Hastings, Frontenac and Lennox and Addington.

"The key for the initiative is to bring new sites online," Bainbridge said.

There are a number of mineral tourism sites that already exist in Ontario's Highlands.

The only one in Haliburton - Bear Lake Diggings - is controlled by the Bancroft Chamber of Commerce.

Bainbridge talked about the possibility of Ontario's Highlands developing some type of passport collectors could purchase that would give them admission to all of the sites within its boundaries.

Councillors were receptive to the idea and will be hearing more from Bainbridge in the future.

Slow snowmobile season impacts eateries

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

A slow snowmobiling season has meant decreased traffic at many of the county's eateries.

Restaurant owners are saying they had noticeably fewer snowmobilers at their establishments this winter than in most years.

Dominion Hotel owner Shawn Chamberlin said Minden has been a "snowmobile ghost town" this season.

"We only had two weekends that we saw snowmobilers this whole winter," Chamberlin said.

The story was similar in Carnarvon, where That Place in Carnarvon owner Sue Yallop said it had not been a fantastic season.

"The up and down weather with little snow definitely played a role," Yallop said.

Just around the corner at the Millpond Restaurant, owner Brad Archer said the number of snowmobilers dining at his eatery was noticeably down and also attributed the decrease to the weather.

In Haliburton, McKeeks owner Maarten Steinkamp called the snowmobiling season "less buoyant" than last year, but said he was trying to remain optimistic.

"We have faith March will still bring us some good

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We only had two weekends that we saw snowmobilers this whole winter.

— Shawn Chamberlin

snow," Steinkamp said.

Despite the weather, Steinkamp did not have to decrease shifts for staff and said overall the restaurant is up on revenue year over year.

The county's trails were late getting opened this year due to a lack of snow and inconsistent wintry weather followed.

While snowmobiling was slow, the ice fishing season was a good one.

Buttermilk Falls Resort owner Dale Rider said the winter season had been a great one for her businesses.

The resort provides ice huts for fishers and Rider said business was solid and that Boshkung Lake is gaining an increasing online reputation as a good ice fishing lake through blogs.

Remembering lifelong Haliburton resident, Charlie Tyler

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

Godfrey Tyler will remember his father as a creative problem-solver who was concocting unique solutions until the very end.

Charlie Tyler – farmer, entrepreneur, maple syrup man, rug-hooker, among other things – passed away on March 9.

He would have turned 90 in May.

Just last summer, Godfrey recalls, Charlie was outside hoeing the gardens at the family farm off Old Donald Road.

Sure, age had taken away Charlie's ability to stand while performing this task, but he didn't let that stop him.

Instead, Charlie drove his golf cart into the garden, passing through one bed to get to another, and did his hoeing out the side of the vehicle.

"What he hoed was really good ... but he killed everything else with the golf cart," Godfrey says, and he and wife Jean erupt in laughter, seated in their living room.

Charlie was born on May 2, 1921, on the farm where he would spend the majority of his life.

"He was born right there," Jean says, pointing to a woodshed out the window and explaining that a log home once stood there.

Charlie spent the early years of his life on the farm – in the family since 1912 – attending classes at a nearby and long-gone schoolhouse on land now part of Randy Warburton's farm before his parents moved their family to Belleville in the late 1920s.

Charlie's father, Dolph, had gotten a job with the railway. However, that job soon disappeared with the onset of the Great Depression and Charlie got his first job delivering daily newspapers at just nine years old.

"That actually, for a time, was the family income," Godfrey explains.

Charlie's father would pay him back every cent when the family returned to the farm, which his grandfather, Sam, had continued to look after.

From the late-'30s until the mid-'50s, Charlie would run the operation, which Godfrey calls a small, mixed farm that consisted mostly of dairy cattle, vegetables and berries.

Charlie was forced to give up running the farm due to policy changes of the time which Godfrey says were intended to squeeze out small farms and displace farmers to create workers for industry.

So Charlie and wife Beulah moved the family to Napanagan, N.B., where Charlie started up a veneer mill he would manage for about four years.

Godfrey says the family passed through that town a few years back and "that little mill was still chugging along."

Charlie and Beulah moved their family back to the farm in 1965, when Godfrey was five.

Charlie's next major venture would be an appliance repair company he started circa 1970 and sold in the mid-1980s. It still exists today as Highland Appliances.

Continuing the maple syrup operation that had been started by his father, Charlie was also active for many years as part of the Ontario Maple Syrup Producers' Association and was a key figure in organizing local producers.

He also worked as a computer tech.

Godfrey purchased a large portion of the family farm in 1985 and in succeeding years, got back smaller parcels from family members, reassembling the farm's original three, 100-acre blocks.

In 1995, he and Jean started up their community-sponsored-agriculture boxes, from which they still make a living.

"Dad has been an integral part of all that," Godfrey said, laughingly adding that Charlie would often act as the face of the farm, leaving the paperwork and bills to his son.

Jean remembers how creative Charlie was.

In the late '60s and early '70s, he took to knitting, making elaborate sweaters for his children that bore images of animals.

Later in his life, he took up rug-hooking, making rugs for many of his grandchildren.

A rug bearing a scene of trees and a waterfall against a mountainous backdrop sits unfinished in a room at the farmhouse.

Godfrey and Jean's daughter, Joanie, is planning to finish the rug.

Charlie and Beulah had seven children and Charlie leaves behind 18 grandchildren and a growing number of great-grandchildren that is currently at five.

Beulah passed away in 2008 and Jean says in the following years he often talked about the woman who had been his wife some 57 years.

Charlie had been spending most of his time in Exendicare in Haliburton, where Beulah was living, but returned

to the farm after her death.

"Dad was an escapee from Exendicare," Godfrey jokes.

In the last few years, personal support workers from Community Care and the SIRCH hospice would come to spend time with Charlie, who was a popular client.

"Charlie had a reputation," she said. "Everyone wanted to come here."

Charlie would often take his PSWs for guided tours of the farm in his golf cart and the Tylers are asking that anyone who would like to make a donation in his name, do so with Community Care or SIRCH.

What would have been Charlie's parting words to world that he occupied for nearly 90 years?

"The message he would say is help when needed," Jean says. "And always thank farmers for your food."



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Haliburton County Outdoors

by Steve Galea

Tag numbers explained

Tag allocations affect every big game hunter in Ontario. The Ministry of Natural Resources game seal you have in your pocket during hunting season determines if you can harvest a buck or doe in the case of whitetail deer, a bull, cow or calf moose or, for the first time in years, this fall, a bull or cow elk.

It's something that hunters discuss and sometimes grumble about but it's at the core of sustainable game management in Ontario and every other jurisdiction that permits hunting.

In this province, the number of tags issued is, for the most part, based on the assessment of our local area biologist, who works within an established MNR framework.

These numbers aren't pulled out of thin air. They're the result of experience, observation and past trends – and they also rely on input from hunters.

Minden area biologist Gerry Moraal explained the basic method of tag allocation in any Wildlife Management Unit (WMU), using moose as an example.

The process, he says, begins with the numbers estimated from the last aerial survey flown. For the sake of this explanation, let's say that 500 animals were estimated to be in our imaginary WMU.

Next, the statistics gained from hunter postcard surveys are considered. Mostly, he says this provides success rates during last season and the proportion of cows, bulls and calves harvested. Moraal says that these figures are averaged out over the last three years so that the numbers won't be skewed by one abnormal season.

For our example, let's say the success rate was 50 per cent and the number of calves harvested was 45 per cent.

This provides him with the basic numbers for harvest planning.

From that point on, he determines the harvest percentage that the moose population in this WMU can sustain. Typically, this is around 10 per cent, however in our area we harvest at 20 per cent because the population has shown that is sustainable. That means 100 animals in our example.

Of that number, he removes 45 per cent because that's the calf harvest. That leaves us with 55 adult moose that we can harvest without adversely impacting the general population.

Moraal says when it comes to adult moose harvest, the goal is to take three bulls for every one cow. So, out of those 55 adult animals that can be harvested, 41 will be bulls and 14 will be cows.

With those numbers determined, he begins to allocate the number of tags available.

This is based on that 50 per cent success rate that our imaginary surveys indicated – which means that the hundreds of hunters can apply for tags will be have a chance to draw for one of the 82 bull tags or 28 cow tags available in this imaginary scenario.



Wildlife numbers from an aerial survey combined with hunter input determine how many hunting tags are given out each year. File photo/Kim Emmerson

Of course, it's a bit more complicated than that. An unexpectedly high mortality from winter ticks or poaching, for example, can also affect tag allocation numbers.

So too can calf harvest. Moraal says the calf harvest in our local WMU is coming down but is still too high.

"It was 50 per cent of the harvest when I started. Now it's 45 per cent. If we brought it down to 35 per cent that would allow more adult tags to be allocated."

(Ten more in the example given.)

As of press time, moose tag numbers are being determined. We'll know soon what's available for this fall's hunt.

Elk hunt

Some details about this autumn's elk hunt have recently been announced. MNR spokesperson Yolanta Kowalski confirmed that it is \$16.95 per person to apply in the elk draw and \$50 per person per elk licence.

The draw is to take place mid-summer. More info will be in the hunting regulations due out April. The final tag numbers for each elk harvest area are still being reviewed.

New guide to eating sport fish released

Anglers in Haliburton County and across Ontario have another convenient tool for helping them decide how many fish to eat. The *2011-2012 Guide to Eating Ontario Sport Fish* is now available on the Internet as well as in its traditional book format.

The publication, which has been continually updated since its first printing in 1976, provides information on the quantities of Ontario sport fish that can be safely consumed per month, based on Health Canada guidelines.

Locally, the information was gathered by Ministry of Environment staff with assistance from Ministry of Natural Resources employees, says Minden MNR area biologist Gerry Moraal. He says commonly targeted sport fish species in selected waters were caught and then analyzed to determine levels of mercury, PCBs, pesticides, dioxins and furans.

This year's guide tested fish in 1,950 water bodies across Ontario, including 93 in Haliburton County, says Wolfgang Scheider, manager of the MOE's water monitoring section, which has overall responsibility for the publication.

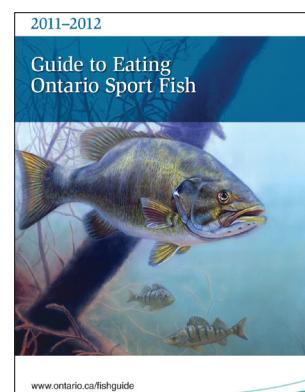
For each water body, information is given on how frequently each species tested can be consumed, based on the size of the fish and who eats the meal (women of childbearing age and youth under 15 years are sometimes advised to eat less, depending on the size, species and water body).

"Haliburton County has good fishing waters and is generally in good shape," says Scheider. "There's not much industry or farming; fish consumption is safe if you follow the guidelines."

He says that mercury is the main contaminant found in some fish in Haliburton County but notes that statistics on lake trout and smallmouth bass dating back to the 1970s indicates a slight decline in these.

"Generally speaking, this is the same story found across the province," he says.

"In lakes where eating restrictions apply, generally smaller fish carry less contaminants," says Moraal. "This is because larger fish have had more time to accumulate toxins." The printed version of the publication will be stocked in Service Ontario locations and in many LCBO stores across the province. Online, the interactive version can be found at www.ontario.ca/fishguide.



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Making small changes to business not always expensive

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churches silently surveying.

"We wanted to see how much of a problem this really is. So, we were interested in whether they had stairs, the height of stairs, whether they had a railing, whether they had a grab bar and when it got up to the door, whether they had an opener on the door, whether it was easy to open this door," Kraulis said.

They found that all three designated heritage buildings in town were at least partially accessible – the Rails End Gallery was harder to reach due to new curbs on York Street; the municipal building had most accessibility features and Heritage Café had a side patio door for easy access.

A similar survey done in Minden by Margaret Graham had similar findings.

Of the 115 businesses Graham visited, 28 per cent were accessible to only able-bodied people; 22 per cent to those in wheelchairs and walkers; and 50 per cent to those with canes.

The Aging Well committee is an independent body comprised of county residents working toward making the community a better place in which to grow old.

In a county with a quarter of its population senior citizens and 15 per cent disabled, creating accessible buildings makes good business sense.

Terry Hicks lives with mobility issues. In his opinion, the businesses that put money into making their places accessible will reap the rewards. "Whatever you can have for an edge, maybe you should think about," he said in an interview last year with the *Echo*.

"I was in front of Curry Motors ... and a woman and a man pulled up in a car and I heard her say to him, 'look they've got those disabled doors.' ... It does have an impact. There are stores in Haliburton that would be very, very easy to make accessible and there are some that are virtually impossible," he said.

With the inaccessible businesses also come those who have made tangible improvements.



Jenn Watt Echo staff

Janet Sheehey, owner of JanKnit's Studio, is being lauded by the Aging Well accessibility committee for installing grab bars – which are shower grab bars painted to match the storefront.

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The first thing seniors do – they look at the stairs.

— *JanKnit's Studio owner Janet Sheehey on accessibility*

Kraulis points to the grab bars on the front of JanKnit's Studio on Highland Street, the handrail on Royal LePage; the automatic doors on Foodland, Independent, Rexall, the banks, LCBO and Beer Store, to name a few.

For JanKnit's owner, Janet Sheehey, putting grab bars on her store seemed natural and it ended up being inexpensive. "I, myself, look for a handrail. There just wasn't anything and the step ... steps out into nowhere land," recalls Sheehey of the process.

Two inexpensive shower grab bars were easily installed and painted to match the décor of the shop.

The added accessibility feature has also increased traffic to JanKnit's, Sheehey believes.

"I think it certainly helps. That's the first thing seniors do – they look at the stairs and whether they're cleaned and that kind of stuff," she said.

Other barriers businesses may have include dimly lit stores, snow banks blocking stores, high service counters, loud background music, narrow aisles, heavy doors and high steps.



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Brier runner sets record straight

Darren Lum
Staff reporter

Jack be nimble, Jack be quick, Jack does not jump and that's it.

After 15 Briers of mad dashes, waving the Ontario flag in support of his curling heroes, Haliburton retiree Jack Cox, 80, was told to not run at the John Labatt Centre (JLC) in London, Ont. on March 7.

Cox is a crowd favourite and a regular at the Brier, having attended 18 consecutively with 15 of them as the unofficial cheerleader for players and fans, particularly for the Ontario rinks.

After the first two days of this year's Brier, he was told by Brier chairman Peter Inch he could not run because of JLC official who cited concerns for liability and safety, as the main reasons to stop his dash.

Cox was upset, but not nearly as disappointed when he heard a newspaper article by Sun Media, run in this paper last week, inaccurately indicated he was jumping chairs during his run with his flag.

"It said I was jumping over chairs. I never did such thing," he said, adding what he does is far from dangerous.

He wasn't the only one to get the bad news, as fans of the Nova Scotia rink performed similar dashes, carrying the provincial flag.

Cox was disappointed and his feelings were shared at this year's Brier.



Darren Lum Echo staff

Haliburton resident Jack Cox holds the Ontario flag and shows off the T-shirt with his likeness after he was prevented from showing his support for the Ontario rink by running with his provincial flag at the Tim Hortons Brier held in London earlier this month. He hopes he can continue his 15-year tradition in the next Brier when it is held in Saskatoon next year.

He said when he delivered the news to the Ontario rink they were visibly disappointed and he barely had time to explain before being asked to return to his seat.

Curlers and fans expressed their displeasure, causing a stir with the media,

including the most-read papers in the province.

One opportunistic fan in London even printed 266 T-shirts, complete with Cox's likeness, waving the flag and the caption reading, Jack Cox Rocks.

Cox made sure to get one of the free T-shirts for himself, including several others for his family.

"I was real surprised. It was a good picture on the front," he said, laughing.

Back in Ottawa in 1993 was when his Brier run all started.

He said he owes his start to a young lady from New Brunswick, who was waving a large New Brunswick flag. He told her she should run and after she returned the prodding his way he accepted her challenge to run with it.

"That night whenever New Brunswick won an end I ran all the way around the arena. You could in those days because there wasn't any boxes," he said. "They won the game too. I went around the arena six times that night, full tilt. The next day three different people presented me with Ontario flags."

Next year the Brier will be hosted by Saskatoon and Cox hopes to continue with his tradition.

"I've had a few Saskatchewan people tell me I'll be able to run with the flag, but I was told by Peter Inch in Halifax [the year before] to bring my flag to London," he said, adding Inch told him the final decision rested with the owners of the JLC as part of the rental agreement.

Cox is an active senior, curling three times a week at the Haliburton Curling Club and is a member of the Haliburton Real Easy Ryders Cycling Club.

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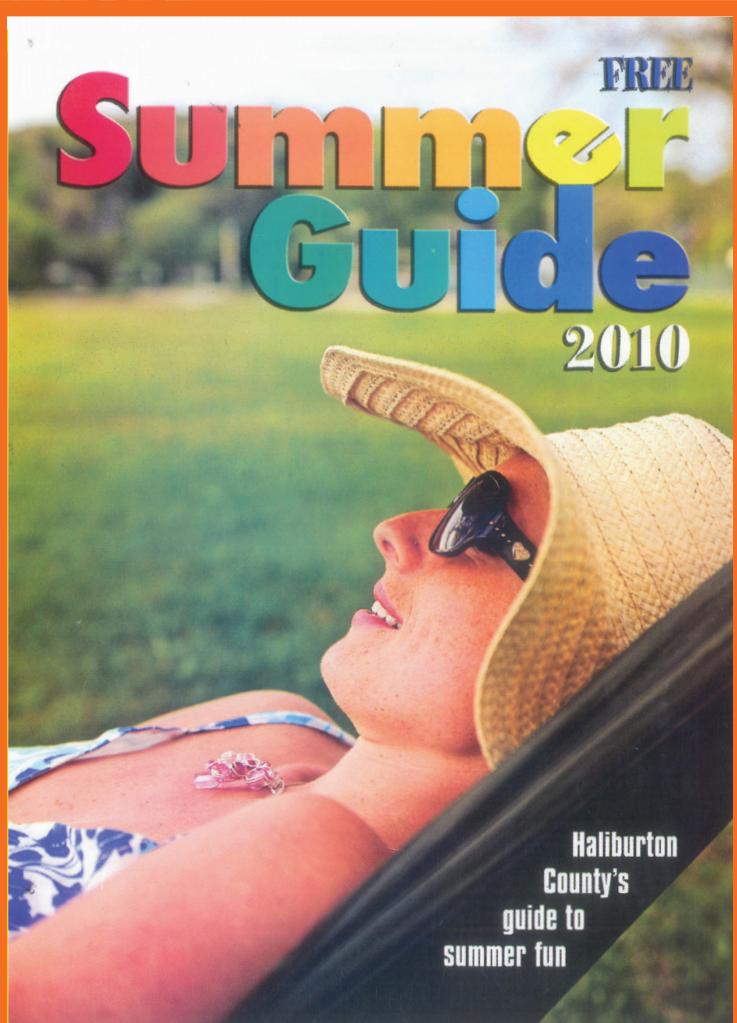
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Dunsford woman riding's Liberal prospect

The Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock federal Liberals say they have a candidate for the next election but aren't prepared to publicly say who it is pending an as yet unscheduled nomination meeting.

President Bob MacMorran would only reveal that the candidate is a Dunsford woman.

City of Kawartha Lakes Councillor Pat Warren last year withdrew her intention to run for the federal Liberals, saying she had unfinished business at City Hall.

MacMorran said he personally expects that there will be a snap election call.

"Who knows what they'll figure out in Ottawa but I think so," he said, adding: "We're ready. We're geared up to go. We have a candidate but I can't say much about the candidate yet."

The other candidates are Conservative MP Barry Devolin; Lyn Edwards for the New Democratic Party and Susanne Lauten for the Greens.

George Zekveld of the local Christian Heritage Party of Canada said they did not have a candidate and were not sure if they would field one.

Lauten said what happens next week is "anyone's guess but several of our sources say there's a 95 per cent chance an election will be called soon - for the spring."

She added: "Do you know that this would be the fifth federal election in 10 years? That's way too many. A country can't function properly when it's constantly in election mode."

-Lindsay Post



Jazzing it up for the YWCA

Lead singers, at mikes, left, Irene Merritt and Karen Frybort, of the Jazz Kitchen band performed at the Jazz and Gospel Brunch to raise money for the YWCA Peterborough-Victoria-Haliburton at McKecks restaurant on Sunday, March 20. There were 60 people who attended the event, which is the first of many this year to celebrate the local YWCA's 25th anniversary of service to the area. Volunteers are always needed.

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HHSS goes sugar-free

Jade Fisher
Echo Co-op student

As of September 2011, high sugar and fat food items are no longer sold in schools across Ontario.

The Ministry of Education's Nutritional Standards for Ontario Schools has made a change to better the health of adolescents and help them heighten their intellect. "This policy is going to make a lot of positive changes for our students' well being," says HHSS teacher Melissa Stephens.

Representatives from the school board and school faculty think this plan will not cause problems among students. Fast food is readily available just down the street, they point out.

Those who wish to benefit from healthy choices can take advantage of this new policy.

With this action in effect, bake-sales, tuck shops, vending machines and catered lunch programs will need to meet new specific nutritional standards.

Eighty per cent of the food items that are sold in the school are required to have higher levels of essential nutrients and lower amounts of fat, sugar, and sodium. Foods that do not meet this criteria will not be allowed in schools.

Stephens states that her Eat Smart committee will better educate students on the matter.

The board of education is even funding teacher training, which she already participated in.

The government of Canada took the time to speak with our country's top dietitians and requested they create a research-informed reference document to be used as basis for the ministry's policy.

Companies that frequently supply schools with amenities such as Aramark are also making changes to their food to match the ministry's wishes.

TLDST assures the new standards are in the best interests of the children and the standards they have laid out are consistent with Canada's Food Guide.



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HHSS Jazz Combo earns Silver Plus performance rating at the GTA JazzFest

Darren Lum

Staff reporter

The sweet sound of success rang clearly for the Red Hawks Jazz Combo at the annual GTA JazzFest hosted by York University on Feb. 22 and Feb. 23.

The combo earned an impressive Silver Plus performance rating, one rating off the gold standard, and a place at the National Finals of MusicFest held in Richmond, British Columbia from 9 a.m. until 10 p.m. on May 17 to May 21.

The combo includes first time members Grade 10 students Travis Stephen and Emily Shapiera on trumpet, Melissa Sands and Samantha Bixi on saxophone, Louis Ferracuti on piano, Alana Coty on vibraphone, Mackenzie Robinson on drums.

Like last year it also includes Grade 12 student Leo Regina on bass, regarded as the "keystone" member for his skill and experience.

Event adjudicators critiqued their performance of three jazz standards, judging on such things as how comfortable they were on stage, communication between members and whether each member soloed, if it was written out or improvised.

With only the form of the song provided, the members must work together to improvise and perform.

The HHSS head of the arts Tom Regina is proud of his committed combo for their musical sophistication and maturity in their



Darren Lum Echo staff

The Red Hawks Jazz Combo, left, Alana Coty, vibraphone player, Melissa Sands, saxophone, Emily Shapiera, trumpet, Tom Regina, HHSS head of arts teacher, Sam Bixi, saxophone, Travis Stephen, trumpet and Leo Regina, bass, are heading to the National Finals of MusicFest in Richmond British Columbia after earning the Silver Plus performance rating at the GTA JazzFest held at York University on Feb. 22.

performance at the JazzFest, repeating what his senior students accomplished the year before after being together as a combo for three years.

"I came away quite happy with that," he said. "I thought they did a really nice job."

These kinds of events gives young high school students an opportunity for fun, to hear other musicians and receive the con-

structive criticism of adjudicators to grow as musicians.

"We go to have fun. We have fun playing," he said. "They take some time off [at the event] and listen to other stuff. When we went there to York University one of the nice features about it is the professors put on a lunchtime lecture/demonstration/concert so we can go into the venue where they play some tunes and talk about what is going on and about learning jazz. That is really great to get it from the adjudicators perspective."

Regina, who points out judging is subjective from adjudicator to adjudicator, said the concept of competition is the least important aspect though.

"Competition in the arts doesn't make sense. It's not like a football game where one team played better and beat the other team. Sure, some bands sound better than others, but it's really about how your band is doing. Did you do better than your last outing? Did you do worse than your last outing? You can't get too [concerned] on how high up or down low you scored," he said.

Regina pointed to the combo's senior member and its piano player Ferracuti, who both have had years of private lessons, particularly jazz study, for the key parts.

"Everything stems from that. If those two parts are really, really strong then everybody has a good foundation to go on," he said.

Both trumpet players also have received private lessons and while the others have less playing experience they make up for it with an affinity for music.

"That's another thing about these kids is they enjoy jumping into the deep-water sort of thing," he said about the commitment necessary for this combo.

All of these players are leaders, he said, from the larger music group.

The national event includes seminars, a variety of performing categories that includes choirs, string orchestras, concert bands, chamber ensembles and jazz combos, making it much more enriching experience for participants.

Musicians will be striving for the gold standard, which isn't guaranteed, but awarded to strong groups somewhere in the 20 per cent of the total that participate, he said.

Previously the school has had success with two larger jazz bands that earned gold standards in 2004 and 2006.

The jazz combo is expected to perform locally in the Highlands Musical Festival, the Tribute Show and the spring concert later this year.

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Dysart council looks at creating wood waste yard

Angelica Blenich
Staff reporter

The following are brief reports of items discussed at the March 14 meeting of Dysart et al council.

Come this spring, residents will have the option of bringing their wood waste to a designated yard within the municipality's landfill sites, where it will be recycled and turned into a renewable energy source.

Representatives from Direct Pellet Industries, a wood manufacturing company, spoke to councillors about the option of partnering with the municipality and creating a

wood waste section within landfill sites where residents can drop off clean wood for a tipping fee of \$10.

Once collected, the wood is taken to the company's plant, located in Haliburton, and processed into pellets to be burned and used as a viable heat source.

Co-owners Brad Lyons and Amanda Chort explained to council that the tipping fee would be used to offset the company's costs in sorting and processing the wood.

"I think the last time I went out there, to one dump, it looked to me that about 70 per cent of what was out there was wood and yard waste," said Lyons. "What we want to do is try to utilize it."

Items the wood yard would be able to accept include clean demolition wood, fibreboard, logging slash, tree limbs, ply-

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— Brad Lyons
Wood pellet producer

woods, pallets, particle board and round wood. Unacceptable items include drywall, straw, bottles, glass plastic or garbage.

Council indicated they would like to see such a yard set up at all three of the municipality's landfill sites.

Lyons and Chort hope to have the yard up and running by May, with an official opening date of May 2.

Tipping fees increase

The municipality is looking to raise tipping fees on construction and demolition waste to a cost of \$40.

Currently the cost for these items is \$20 for material that can be chipped and \$40 for un-chippable material.

The change in fee is to cover outside disposal service costs.

The fee increase is pending discussion at a public meeting, scheduled for April, according to CAO Tammy McKelvey.

Affordable housing project moves forward

Plans to partner with the Kawartha Lakes Haliburton Housing Corporation are underway as the municipality passed a zoning bylaw amendment regarding an affordable housing project at 4977 County Road 21.

The amendment will permit the construction of four buildings for medium density residential use. The total number of proposed dwellings is 36.

One building will house 24, one-bedroom apartments, which will target seniors.

Three buildings will include four townhouse-style dwellings, each with three bedrooms.

Discussion over the possibility of extending sidewalks to the proposed site was brought up, thus allowing future residents to walk to places such as the Independent grocery store.

Reeve Murray Fearrey indicated extending sidewalks that far out of town were likely not a possibility at this point in time.

The proposed project is set to be built on the former Ministry of Transportation depot, which belongs to the municipality.

"It won't be too long before we know if this [project] is happening or not," said Fearrey.

Shore road allowance prices to go up

Dysart council will be voting on a bylaw to increase the purchase price of shoreline road allowances at their April 4 meeting.

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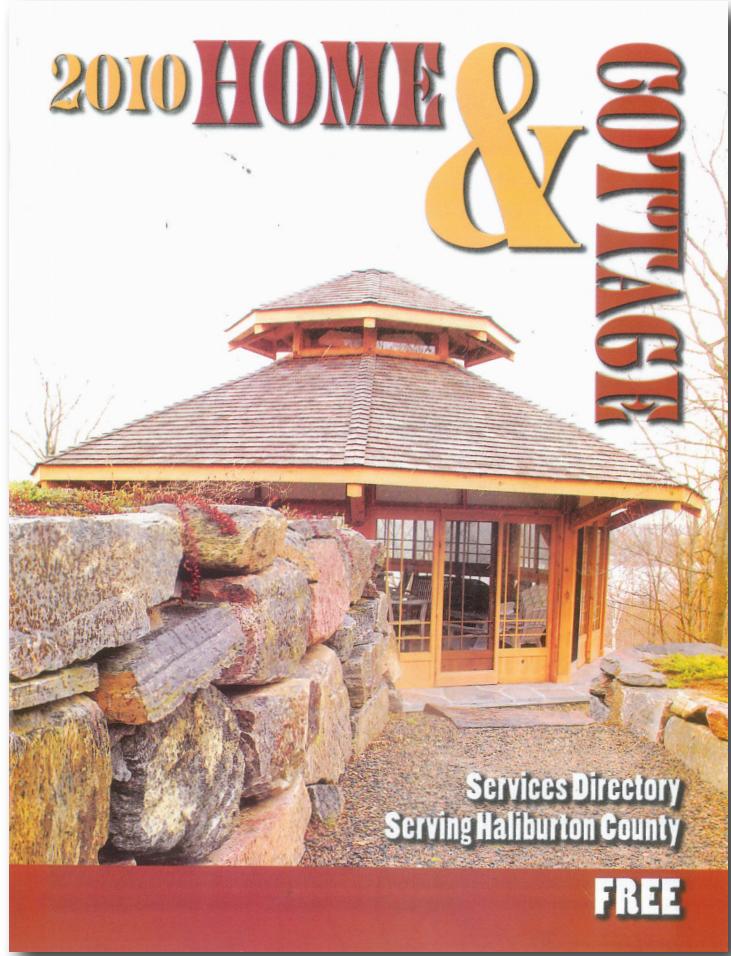
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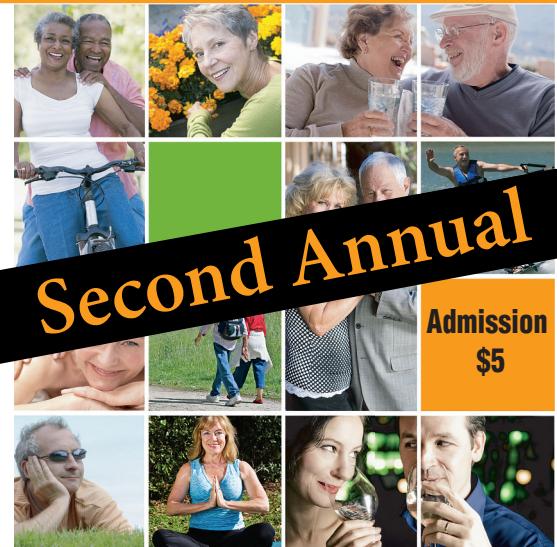


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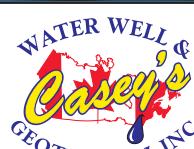
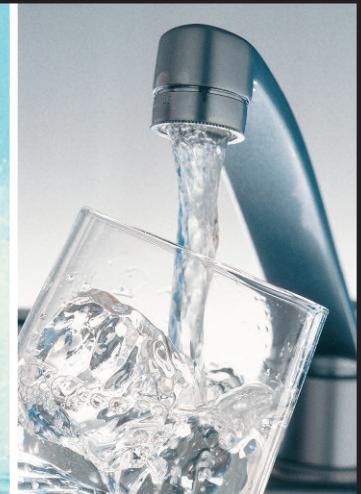
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Sports



Darren Lum Echo staff

Competitive powerlifter George Flikas, 68, recently broke the "raw," or unassisted, bench press record of 182 kg with a lift of 187.5 kg at the 100% Raw Toronto Open in Scarborough on Feb. 26. The retired Gooderham resident will soon be on the road to winning the Canadian National Championships held in Charlottetown, P.E.I. at the end of this month.

Pushing a passion for life

Darren Lum
Staff reporter

On a dead end dirt road, about as high as you can get in Gooderham, lives a retiree with a penchant for lifting more than twice his weight when the chips are down.

George Flikas is a barrel-chested man with hands to match, perfect for satisfying passion for competitive powerlifting that has taken him all over the country and the world.

Flikas, who is far from being a giant, well below six feet, has an easygoing demeanour and a warm smile. More of a teddy bear than anything.

However competitive powerlifting seems to bring out the wild bear in this retired woodburning boiler maker, because in five short years Flikas has amassed a long list of achievements, including a world bench press record of 187.5 kg for his weight class (122 kg) and age (68) achieved at the 100% Raw Toronto Open in Scarborough, Ont. a few weeks ago. The former record was 182 kg.

Raw competition rules state all competitors must pass a drug test and cannot have the aid of any lifting assisting harnesses.

Competitive powerlifting, which has its origins in the

mid-20th century, is a disciplined sport that not only tests the seemingly inhuman strength of individuals, but the ability to fulfill proper weightlifting form and technique. It is carefully scrutinized by as many as three to six referees, depending on particular events. There are three disciplines: bench-press, dead-lift and squat.

Competitors are given three attempts at a given weight similar to Olympic weightlifting.

He can't even remember how many times he's finished first, except that the highlights include the world record, six Canadian Masters titles, a third place at the World Bench-press Masters hosted by Bratislava, Slovakia in 2008, a fourth place at the World Benchpress Masters held in Orlando, Florida in 2010 and a second place at the 12th European Benchpress Masters Championships held in Belgium in 2009.

Flikas is now preparing for the upcoming Canadian National Championships hosted in Charlottetown, P.E.I. from March 29 to April 2.

He expects to make the drive and arrive a couple days earlier.

Drawing upon his Greek heritage, his perspective on things is practical, pointing to the two-day road trip to P.E.I. as nothing when compared to the ancestral Greeks that walked for month to compete in the Olympics.

With a lifetime of weightlifting behind him, the 68-year-old likens his sport to a disease, referring to how it has

taken hold of his life.

Flikas loves to go out to eat and is far from fanatical about his diet, except for consumption of vitamins, garlic pills, glutamine and protein powder shakes.

Flikas said he knows a lot of people from the sport and that everyone is supportive of each other to do their best.

"It's like a family. Everybody is rooting for you. It doesn't matter if they are a competitor [or not]. If he does more or less it doesn't matter. They're all rooting for you," he said. "It's not a competition to say I can do more than you ... If I can find someone who does better than me I will shake his hand and tell him he is good," he said.

After five years of competitive lifting he implores people to always be safe. It's important to make sure to have a lifting partner for heavy weights and to understand personal limits. He adds you need to listen to your body, understanding when you're hurt or when you're injured.

Flikas shows his 10 inch scar along the back of his arm from a torn elbow tendon, but points out that he had already cut his tendon a week before and didn't notice it until it snapped while he was in a competition.

"Workout within your means. Don't go beyond your means. Workout safe because if you don't you're going to hurt yourself," he said.

His future after the national competition is uncertain

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The Wilberforce Rockets mixed hockey team (ages five to 11) are the Wilberforce-Bancroft Junior House League 2010-2011 champions after defeating the Bancroft Jets "Teal" team 7-2 in the final at the Bancroft Arena on Sunday, March 5. They show their emotion after the game with coach, left, Mike Rupnow, trainer Cindy Baumhour and coach Ryan Watson.

Photo submitted



Rockets 2x champions

Wilberforce hockey team defeats Bancroft in one-game championship

Darren Lum
Staff reporter

The sun is shining, but Wilberforce has more reason to smile than an impending spring.

The Wilberforce Rockets mixed hockey team (ages five to 11) finished their successful playoff run with a 7-2 win in the one-game Wilberforce-Bancroft Junior House League Championship over the Bancroft Jets "Teal" team at the Bancroft Arena on Sunday, March 5.

After dominating the playoffs with seven wins and one loss, the team was confident about their chances for a repeat championship in consecutive years.

Coach Ryan Watson attributes this year's success to a cliché that just proved to be true.

"It was an overall team effort. All of the team bought into the system that we were playing," he said, adding the key aspect was an emphasis on passing and going to the net for loose pucks. "They all did their jobs, obviously, the best they could have done."

The second year coach also credits his team's great chemistry, adding his older players led with not only scoring, but leadership in getting everybody involved in plays to make everybody better.

The team was led by the stellar goalkeeping by its fiery competitive goalie Ethan Evans.

Watson thought he was solid throughout the season and the playoffs taking over from the goalie that departed for age, eventually playing in Haliburton.

"He was outstanding for the championship game," he said of the first-year goalie. "This kids stood up and took it and ran with it the whole year. He did a fantastic job for a first-year goaltender."

Watson said the mixed team had more girls than boys and acknowledges the differences in the genders.

"The girls are the listeners and put out the effort into trying things. The guys just fly by the seat of their pants," he said. "The girls fed off each other and really helped support one another. They had a really good time."

Watson even had an entire line of five blonde-haired girls taking regular shifts.

"Five of them I put out together and they knew who they were and I'd just go, 'Blonde squad, go.' All the girls loved it. They loved going out and playing with one another."

He doesn't see this characteristic changing, even expecting more girls next year with little sisters of current team members joining.

There are definite expectations for next year.

"I think there is more than a chance that we'll be as successful next year. I don't want to jinx anything, but with the team coming back I can't see why we wouldn't be equally as competitive, if not just as competitive as last year," he said. "I can see a three-peat next year."

Captain Nolan Davidson-Blakely with assistant captains being Austin French and Taylor Davies led the team.

Austin scored four goals in the championship game to finish with 50 goals for the season, including the playoffs.

The coaching staff includes Mike Rupnow and trainer Cindy Baumhour.

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Curling for cause

Left, Don and Debra Critchley and their family curled for the first time in Steve and Michelle Todd's bonspiel for the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation. The bonspiel raised \$3,636 on Saturday, Feb. 19. This is the third year and the bonspiel was Steve's idea. It has raised a total of \$10,000 for equipment for the county's hospitals. Thanks to Bob and Anne MacNaull for their assistance, Curry Motors Limited and the Haliburton Curling Club and their volunteers.

Below, volunteers, Arden Harrop and Drew Todd, helping out at the event.

Submitted by Dale Walker



Retiree pays attention to what keeps him safe

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since he will have corrective surgery for arthritis that is in his neck immediately following the event.

He takes ibuprofen to dull the pain during the past few events during the past four months he has had the nerve related problem. He has also had difficulty sleeping because of the arthritis.

If the surgery is successful he expects to progress towards lifting 20 lb more in the bench press.

His focus remains on the benchpress competition, but he points out that his workout includes a full-body work-

out that includes an hour of walking and two hours of hard lifting.

Back when he was in his 40s, Flikas said there was very little thought to the weight being lifted, but now that he is older things are held in higher regard.

"As the years go by you get weaker. Let's face it," he said. "When you're young man you're untouchable and you heal so fast. When you get old you think about it. Think about it: you have 400 lb above your head and that thing can slip and fall down. You know what it's going to do to your neck. It's only a one-inch bar. When 400 lb falls on your neck you will not have a neck left," he said. "You got to be careful."



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We got readers all up in arms over insurance a couple weeks back, so let's see if we can get them all upset over gas prices this time around.

In a nutshell here's what goes into making up the cost of

gas (not exact figures) – 47 per cent is linked to the price of crude oil; 32 per cent is taxes and 21 per cent is company costs and profits. These are rough figures just to illustrate that 50 per cent of the price is basically dictated by outside forces. We can't really do anything about what others are going to charge us for their products. With other products we can (we can refuse to buy clothing manufactured in third world sweatshops, for example), but we can't just refuse our main source of energy or go out and make our own oil, so we have to depend on others to sell it to us.

And no, hoarding all the oil we get out of Alberta and Newfoundland won't help bring prices down. In fact, it may end up having the opposite effect.

So, understanding we can't really do much about 50 per cent of the cost of each litre of gasoline leaves us with another 50 per cent we might be able to do something about, but choose to do nothing about. Why?

Because (a) we believe every venture should be allowed to make a buck (that's what free enterprise is all about, after all) and (b) governments are going to collect whatever they can to pay for all the other things we may or may not need

(depending on who is governing at the time and which ideology you believe).

Every time oil companies report multi-billion dollar profits we get up in arms because here they are bathing in cash while all our hard-earned dollars go down the drain every time we fill up. For every \$600 million in oil company profits (meaning the company actually made \$2.1 billion and invested \$1.5 billion), our governments collect \$3.2 billion in taxes. Again, these are just overly simplified examples and not actual figures.

So, when you pay \$1.20 for a litre of gasoline and curse and demand change, who is going to help you? Oil companies who make a six per cent profit against 15 per cent costs? Or governments who are collecting billions of dollars annually to fund the services they say Canadians, collectively, demand?

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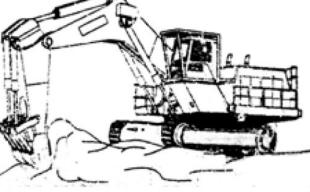
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Food for Kids a family affair

When the word first spread that Bob Park (owner of Haliburton Foodland) was leaving to take on a new store in Bancroft, Food for Kids was in a panic. Since 2002 Park has supported the Food for Kids Student Nutrition program across Haliburton County, and has donated \$33,400 in cash and \$28,000 in store credit. To say that Park supports Food for Kids seems like an understatement. He plays an integral part in Haliburton County's Food for Kids programs through his financial support. He is a real champion for our cause.

Panic was eased when Park reached out to the program, and reassured us that although he would be leaving Haliburton, supporting Food for Kids was still a priority to him and his family. "My son Brad, who is taking over as the store's manager, will continue on in this store supporting you. He knows that this organization is sentimental to his dad," says Park.

Park has been very open regarding his dedication to Food for Kids, and states that his passion comes from his own personal experiences with lack of food and proper nutrition as an adolescent.

"I have been there and I don't want to see any child go through that. The snack program, if it was only available to me when I was a child, who knows where I would be today. I feel for every one of those kids, every time I go to the schools I get emotional. I am almost 65 years old but the experience of being hungry is still vivid in my mind," says Park.

When asked why supporting the Food for Kids programs was so important to him, Park states "the snack program

at today's level supplies a lot of kids that need the program desperately, and it is influencing their education and learning abilities. Proper nutrition is going to make that child a better person".

This reality is no secret to the Food for Kids program, which provides more than 4,000 healthy breakfasts and/or snacks to students throughout the county each week. The ultimate goal of the program is to ensure that no child goes to school too hungry to learn.

Jenna Burnett (coordinator for Food for Kids in Haliburton County) knows how great the need for these student nutrition programs is to the area, and how crucial funding is. "Although Food for Kids receives base funding from the Ministry of Children and Youth Services and Trillium Lakelands District School Board, they depend significantly on the generosity and support from community members. We are so grateful to Bob Park as well as to all of our local funders who are so invested in our programs. I don't know what we would do without them," says Burnett.

With Bob Park moving on to Bancroft and Brad, his son, taking over as the store manager, the Food for Kids program can rest easy that one of their major donors will still be in existence.

"Over the years, I've seen how much we have supported Food for Kids, and how much the students benefit from it. I know how important it is to the kids and their families. Going forward I want to continue to support the program and see the kids enjoy and partake in it," says Brad.

On this Burnett replies, "We are so pleased to hear that Brad will continue to support our programs, and I really

look forward to building that partnership with him. We are both new in our roles and I think together we can develop a long lasting working relationship. I think it is fair to say that both of our goals are to ultimately benefit the children and youth of this community. We are also so thankful to Bob for all his support and we wish him well in Bancroft, and are very appreciative to know that he will continue to spread the good word about Food for Kids".

One thing that is clear is that Food for Kids is definitely a family affair for the Parks.

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Last week members of the House of Commons voted on third reading of Private Member's Motion C-393. After much thought, I voted against C-393. Here is why.

As many of you may know, I have wrestled with this issue for more than two years. On the one hand, I support the goal of increasing access to HIV and AIDS medication in the developing world. On the other hand, I am also concerned about the integrity of Canada's intellectual property laws and whether the proposed changes will actually achieve the stated objective. In other words, I accept the diagnosis, but am not sure C-393 is the correct remedy.

Over the past two years, I have met with members of the advocacy group Grandmothers to Grandmothers in my riding office, as well as members of their national team here in Ottawa. I met with representatives of the HIV/AIDS Legal Network and others. I have discussed this matter directly with Industry (and former Health) Minister Tony Clement. Finally, I have discussed this issue with several colleagues - both for and against the bill - to hear their views. At the end of the day, I think it's fair to say I've spent more time on this Private Member's Bill than on any other during my (almost) seven years in the House of Commons.

On Dec. 2, 2009 I voted in favour of C-393 at second reading so it could go to committee for further study. After many hearings and several amendments, that process is now complete - which brings us to today's vote.

In the final analysis, I have not been convinced that C-393 is the most efficient or productive means to proceed. Over the past five years, our Conservative government has increased foreign aid to Africa, and Prime Minister Stephen Harper's decision at last year's G20 meeting to make maternal and infant care a priority speaks to our government's commitment to this cause. As stated above, I agree with the notion that more needs to be done - but I see many other more efficient and productive ways to proceed.

I thank all of those who have met with me to answer my questions and provide detailed information. As I often tell high school students, I am not a member of the "House

of Experts," but rather, a member of the "House of Commons." As such, I need much assistance and guidance to do my job.

As a footnote, I cannot help but observe the vote (up or down) will mean nothing if the three opposition parties defeat the government later this month, thereby triggering a spring election. In fact, it seems a bit hypocritical for any MP to suggest that the vote really matters if they've already decided to terminate the 40th Parliament long before C-393 would become law.

*- Submitted by Barry Devolin, MP
Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock*

Career & Business Opportunities

Canada Summer Jobs, 2011

Community Care Haliburton County, a not for profit, charitable organization is seeking two students who qualify under the Canada Summer Jobs, 2011 program. Please see details of these positions on our website: www.communitycarehaliburton.com. Wage is \$11.25/hour. Resume/Applications due by noon April 15th to Donna MacDonald, Executive Director, P.O. Box 956, 83 Maple Avenue, Haliburton, Ont. K0M 1S0 or to donnamacdonald@communitycarehaliburton.com. Positions are subject to our receiving CSJ funding. We thank all those that apply but only those selected for an interview will be contacted.



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NOTICE OF CHANGE OF VENUE Public Meeting PROPOSED ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT

Due to the increased interest in the scheduled applications for the April meeting of the Dysart Public Meeting Committee, the location of the meeting will be changed to the Haliburton Curling Club. The date and time of the meeting will remain as previously advertised.

- **DATE:** Monday April 4th, 2011
- **TIME:** 5:00 pm
- **LOCATION:** Haliburton Curling Club
730 Mountain Street, Haliburton, Ontario
- **SCHEDULED APPLICATIONS:**
 1. Zoning By-law Application: Lands of Greif Bros. Canada Inc. (waterfront residential subdivision proposal - Haliburton-Percy Lakes).
 2. Zoning By-law Application: Lands of Easton's Grocers Limited (medium density residential proposal - Sunnyside Street).

A COPY OF THE NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING, which was circulated and advertised in accordance with the requirements of the Planning Act on March 8th, 2011, is available from the Planning Department at the Municipality Office during regular office hours (8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday to Friday) or by phoning 705-457-1740.

Dated at the Township of Dysart, this 14th day of March, 2011.

Patricia Martin, B.E.S., MCIP, RPP
Municipal Planner



Working Together for the Health of the Highlands

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING NOTICE

The fifteenth Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Corporation (HHHS) will be held on Thursday, June 23, 2011 at 2:00 p.m. in the Minden Hospital Auditorium.

2011/12 Membership in the HHHS Corporation is available to any individual who is a resident* of, or who is employed or operates a business in, the County of Haliburton or, in the Townships formerly known as Laxton, Digby and Longford, or Bexley or Somerville of Victoria County; or Cavendish and Galway of Peterborough County for a period of at least 12 months immediately prior to the payment of an annual membership fee of ten dollars (\$10).

Membership in the Corporation entitles an individual to vote at any general meeting of the Corporation. New members must register at least 60 days prior to the date of the meeting. Therefore, to be eligible to vote at the June 23, 2011 Annual General Meeting, new memberships must be obtained by April 1, 2011. Members of the Corporation are also entitled to nominate Directors for election to the Board.

The fee may be paid and proof of membership obtained at HHHS (Haliburton or Minden Hospitals), during regular business hours, or by contacting:

Marlene Vieira
Haliburton Highlands Health Services
7199 Gelert Road, P.O. Box 115
Haliburton, Ontario. K0M 1S0
Phone: 705-457-2527
Email: mvieira@hhhs.on.ca

* this includes seasonal residents, i.e., summer cottagers / landowners



Kreskin raises \$2,000

These happy members of the Haliburton & District Lions Club shared an amazing evening with Kreskin and raised \$2,000 towards the establishment of a Cancer Care Facility at the Peterborough Regional Health Centre.

Notices

CALL FOR TENDER TO

Supply and install new shingles to
44 Parkside Street (Front side of building only)
within the town of Minden

Contractors are invited to submit sealed tenders for the above subject work.

Tender documents are available for electronic distribution by contacting:

Mr. Les Duncan, Housing Manager
Staanworth Non-Profit Housing Corporation
snphc@bellnet.ca

Tenders will be received at
44 Parkside Street, Minden Ontario (By appointment-705-286-3444)
Up to 3:00 PM, Wednesday April 13th, 2011

Staanworth Non-Profit Housing reserves the right to reject all tenders and to accept any tender it considers advantageous. The lowest or any tender may not necessarily be accepted.



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HALIBURTON HIGHLANDS HEALTH SERVICES

www.hhhs.on.ca

COMMUNITY INVITATION

The Board of Directors of Haliburton Highlands Health Services will be holding its March Board Meeting in Highlands East and the general public is welcome to attend.

Date: **March 31, 2011**
Time: **2:00 p.m.**
Location: **Monmouth Curling Rink, Wilberforce**
Guest: **Patrick Kennedy,
Director, Dept. of Emergency Services,
County of Haliburton**

UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS:
April 28—Mindens Hospital
Guest: *Glenna Raymond, CEO, Ontario Shores Centre for Mental Health Sciences*

May 26—Haliburton Hospital
Guest: *Don Ford, CEO, Central East CCAC*

For further information call the Administrative Office at 705-457-2527
or email info@hhhs.on.ca

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SIRCH gets accessibility funding

Left, MPP Rick Johnson presented the \$20,700 Ontario Trillium Foundation grant to SIRCH and its staff members Lynn Higgs-Thompson, Wendy Ladurantaye, who is the project coordinator for the accessible grant project, Linda May-Powers, Marg Hockley, Nancy Brownsberger and Rosemarie Jung. The grant will help fund construction that includes a 52-foot, L-shaped ramp, an accessible bathroom and one handicapped parking lot.

Notices

NOTICE

(Group Applicants - NADEAU & WIGMORE)

IN THE MATTER of the *MUNICIPAL ACT* AND IN THE MATTER OF A PROPOSED BY-LAW OF THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF HIGHLANDS EAST TO CLOSE, STOP UP AND CONVEY CERTAIN PORTIONS OF ORIGINAL ALLOWANCES FOR ROAD ALONG THE SHORE OF KOSHLONG LAKE, MORE PARTICULARLY HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED.

NOTICE IS HERE BY GIVEN, Pursuant to the *Municipal Act*, S.O. 2001, and the Municipal Procedures, that the Township Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Highlands East proposes to consider and if deemed advisable, to pass at its regular meeting to be held at the Council Chambers, WILBERFORCE, Ontario on Tuesday, the 12th day of April 2011, at 9:00 a.m., a By-Law to close, stop-up and convey to the adjacent land owners the following described lands:

FIRSTLY: Part of Lot 16, Concession 13, Designated as Road Allowance on Registered Plan No. 413, Township of Glamorgan, Municipality of Highlands East, County of Haliburton, shown as Part 1 on a Preliminary Plan of Survey made by Robert C. Thaler, O.L.S., dated December 22, 2010.

SECONDLY: Part of the Original Shore Road Allowance in front of Lot 16, Concession 13, Township of Glamorgan, Municipality of Highlands East, County of Haliburton, shown as Parts 2 and 3 on a Preliminary Plan of Survey made by Robert C. Thaler, O.L.S., dated December 22, 2010. (Part 3 being the flooded portion to be retained by the Municipality of Highlands East).

THIRDLY: Part of Lot 16, Concession 13, Designated as Road Allowance on Registered Plan No. 413, Township of Glamorgan, Municipality of Highlands East, County of Haliburton, shown as Part 4 on a Preliminary Plan of Survey made by Robert C. Thaler, O.L.S., dated December 22, 2010.

FOURTHLY: Part of Original Shore Road Allowance in front of Lot 16, Concession 13, Township of Glamorgan, Municipality of Highlands East, County of Haliburton, shown as Part 5 on a Preliminary Plan of Survey made by Robert C. Thaler, O.L.S., dated December 22, 2010.

The Preliminary Plan of Survey as referred to above is available for inspection during regular office hours (9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday) at the Municipality of Highlands East office, Wilberforce, Ontario.

The above described lands, by resolution, have been declared to be surplus.

AND TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that before passing the said By-Law at the Meeting to be held at the time and place above mentioned, the Municipality of Highlands East shall then and there hear in person or by his or her counsel, solicitor or agent, any person who claims that his, her or their lands will be prejudicially affected by the said By-Law and who applies to be heard in person. The person who wishes to address Council should contact the Township office for delegation time.

DATED at the Municipality of Highlands East, Wilberforce, Ontario this 22nd day of March, 2011.

IRENE S. COOK, CMO
CLERK/CEMC
County Road 648, Box 295
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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

SEASONAL LABOURERS – ROADS DEPARTMENT

Duties include general labourer responsibilities for roads maintenance purposes. Minimum of a G driver's licence is required and a D "Z" licence is preferred. Previous roads maintenance and/or construction experience is considered an asset. Employment is to commence as soon as possible for a maximum period of nine (9) months. Rate of pay will be \$19.17 per hour, pursuant to the CUPE Local 2142 Collective Agreement. Current Police Check and Driver's Abstract will be required.

Qualified candidates are encouraged to submit a detailed resume to the undersigned by 3:00 p.m. on Monday, April 4th, 2011.

Cheryl Coulson, A.M.C.T.
Deputy Clerk
E-mail: ccoulson@dysartetal.ca

We thank all applicants but only those selected for an interview will be contacted. Personal information is collected in accordance with the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act and will be used only for employment purposes.



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Council of the Municipality of Dysart et al will be considering proposed amendments to various Fees and Charges at their meeting on Monday, April 11th, 2011.

The amendments pertain to the following fees:

Arena/Community Centre Fees:

\$5.00 increase for all Dysart Arena Ice Rental Fees effective December 1st, 2011.

Ball Hockey Fees - \$35.00 per hour effective May 1st, 2011. Will be increased to \$40.00 per hour effective December 1st, 2011.

Disposal of Waste at Municipal Landfill Sites:

Boat Shrink Wrap - \$20.00 per cubic yard or \$5.00 each. ONLY being accepted at Haliburton Landfill – July 1st - 31st

Brush - \$40.00 per cubic yard effective May 1st, 2011

Building Material - \$40.00 per cubic yard effective May 1st, 2011

Effective May 1st Brush and Building Material will ONLY be accepted at the Haliburton and Harcourt Landfill Sites.

Sewer Service Rates:

Effective January 1st, 2011 increasing from \$495 to \$510 per ERU (Equivalent Residential Unit). Metered Rates increasing approximately 3% from \$24.93 to \$25.68 per 1,000 gallons.

Further information on the proposed fees and charges are available on the Municipality's website at www.dysartetal.ca, or at the Dysart Municipal Office, 135 Maple Avenue, Haliburton.

Any person wanting to comment on the proposed fees are invited to make a written submission to the undersigned by April 4th, 2011.

Cheryl Coulson, A.M.C.T.
Deputy Clerk



This picture of a bald eagle atop a pine tree was taken by Maggie Lawrence just the other day on Haliburton Lake, really neat.

This marten, on the left, was spotted on John and Irene Dolik's deck on Kennisis Lake eating bird seed that had dropped from the bird feeders above.

Wildlife in your backyard

Have a great nature shot? Send it to jwatt@haliburtonecho.ca. The bigger the file size the bigger we can print it.

Coming Events

community calendar



What's happening in the County
Post your event for free on the web. Go to: www.mindentimes.ca or to the  Haliburton Highlands Community Calendar link at: www.haliburtonecho.ca

- **Haliburton Soccer League Registration:** April 6-7 from 5-7 located at the HHHS Gym Foyer. For more information visit www.haliburtonsoccer.com
- **Wednesday: Bid Euchre** 1pm located at the Haliburton Legion. \$2 admission
Thursday: Bid Euchre 7pm Echo Hills Apt. For more information contact Jean Fletch 705-457-2618
- **Babysitter Training Course:** Haliburton OEYC April 19-May 30 from 4-6pm Minden OEYC April 20- June 1 from 4-6pm Students must register by April 4 Call 705-286-4625 or email oeycparented@bellnet.ca
- **Wednesday Evenings:** Overcomers Recovery Support Group 7.00 PM - 8.30 PM Overcomers is a Recovery Support Group for people overcoming life controlling issues. For More Information Call Don or Judy 705 457-3107
- **March 22: Volunteer Income Tax:** at the Haliburton Legion Every Tuesday starting at 9am to 2pm ending Tuesday April 19. for more information contact Marlene Watson @ 705-448-2266
- **March 23: Volunteer Income Tax:** at the Haliburton Legion Every Tuesday starting at 9am to 2pm ending Tuesday April 19. for more information contact Marlene Watson @ 705-448-2266
- **March 23: Haliburton County Historical Society** presents Speaker Garry Toffoli & Arthur Bousfield Topic: Royal Weddings and how we can celebrate them in Haliburton Presented by the Monarchist League of Canada. Located at the Stanhope Public School at 1:30pm.
- **March 26: Friends of Ecological and Environmental Learning (FEEL)** is holding its first Annual General Meeting 10 – 12 at Dorset Community Hall. For more info call 705- 286-3323
- **March 27: County Gospel Show:** Dinner and Show \$25 per person or just show \$10. Dinner served @ 5pm followed by show from 6:30-8pm For more information call Kendra @ 705-457- 9787
- **March 31: Buying Your First Home:** The Minden Branch of the Haliburton Public Library presents a series of financial Planning Workshops beginning at 6:30pm Pre-register for these free sessions by calling 705-457-2241
- **April 1 Haliburton United Church** CD Launce @ 7pm for more info call 705457-1891
- **April 9: Kinmount United Church** presents THE TARNISHED ANGELS BAND at 2 pm Tickets \$10 (children free). For further information call 705-288-2129
- **April 13: Haliburton Highlands Quilt Guild** Meeting at Stanhope Community Centre @ 1pm Come and hear Jacqui Clarkson speak on "Why we need yellow in our life" Doors open at 10 am for anyone interested in learning "piecelique" taught by Nancy Johnston. Everyone Welcome for more information call Sharon @ 705-286-1531
- **April 27: Haliburton County Historical Society** presents Speaker Hilda Clark Topic: tour of the 100th Anniversary of Wilberforce Public School and National Historic Red Cross Outpost Located at the Wilberforce Public School @ 1:30pm (Please Bring garden chair)

Events listings are provided **FREE** for non-profit groups on a space-available basis. While we endeavour to accommodate requests for publication, we cannot guarantee that all requests for listings will appear. Requests should be faxed to The Echo at 457-3275, emailed to cthorn@mindentimes.ca or faxed to The Minden Times at 286-4768, emailed to cthorn@mindentimes.ca or brought in to the office.

Please submit events by the Wednesday prior to the requested publication date.
NOTE: This calendar is not a comprehensive listing of all events taking place in the area. Please check the classified pages, display advertising and articles appearing elsewhere in the Echo for more information on events in the Highlands. For more Ongoing Community Events please see the Weekender.

Skaters get ready to rattle and roll

Wilberforce news

Hilda Clark

705-448-2018

It's called Skate, Rattle and Roll. And that's what members of the Highlands East Skating Club will be doing at their skating carnival on Saturday, March 26 at the Keith Tallman Memorial arena in Wilberforce. There will be guest skaters to add to the numbers club members will present. Admission is by donation and of course you will want to patronize their raffle table. Sounds like it will be a good evening for skaters as well as the audience.

There will be a loonie lunch at St. Margaret's Anglican Church on Thursday, March 31. Enjoy a lunch of soup, bread and cake for only a loonie. It's a good chance for a visit with your neighbours too.

How interesting that the Haliburton Highlands Health Services board of directors has scheduled some of its meetings around the county. Its March board meeting will be held in Wilberforce at the Curling Club beginning at 2 p.m. on Thursday, March 31. The general public is welcome to attend. Members of the Board could drop over early and enjoy a loonie lunch at St. Margaret's and meet some of the folks who love to lunch.

Wilberforce resident Percy Lavern "Bernie" Lewis died at the hospital in Haliburton on Friday, March 18, 2011. He was in his 92nd year. Visitation will be at the Haliburton Community Funeral Home on Tuesday, March 22 from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Funeral service will be in the chapel there on Wednesday at 11 a.m. with visitation one hour prior. Condolences are extended to son Dean and daughter Freida (Ken) Evans and all of his family.

Coming Events

To advertise your upcoming event, call 705-457-1037

Highlands East Skating Club Presents:



Saturday, March 26th, 2011
6:30 pm
Keith Tallman Arena, Wilberforce
Admission by donation

West Guilford proud of Carl Dixon

West Guilford

Eleanor Cooper

705-754-2278

On March 9 at the Northern Lights Pavilion Carl Dixon spoke and sang his way into our hearts again with his presentation of life before and after his terrible accident. Many hospital volunteers were in the audience since the event, which included Val Lougheed, was sponsored by SIRCH.

Carl gave much praise to his wife Betty for the kind of support and love maintained throughout the ordeal. He also thanked the community here for the many acts of kindness which helped the family, Carla and Lauren, in their parents' absence.

It is great to have Carl as a Guilford resident. We are so proud of what he has accomplished and how he has overcome the many difficulties and shaped for himself

the way his career should go. It was a privilege indeed to hear him.

You may be interested to know that SIRCH stands for Supportive Initiatives for the Residents of the County of Haliburton or colloquially: So It Really Can Happen! Certainly under the leadership of Gena Robertson, Linda May-Powers and Lynn Higgs-Thompson much has really happened to improve many respects of improved health. My own time of 10 years as a volunteer beginning with Dorothy Owens as coordinator has enriched my life considerably.

Winter break opened the Art Hive to a series of workshops for kids from April Gates and Erin Lynch. Kids learned the arts of sculpture, pottery, jewelry, pin-weaving to name a few of the skills. Call for information of future adult classes at 705-754-0021.

March 15 euchre scores: high - Ruth Hunt and Henk van Nood; low - Barbara Brownsberger and Leon Jones; most lone hands - Pearl Kernohan and Nick Biljetina.

Atom AEs beat Bracebridge 3-2

Although a little rust showed from having a couple of weeks off, Floyd Hall Insurance Atom AEs showed that they can still put it together when needed by beating Bracebridge 3-2 this weekend.

The boys started quickly as a shot by Aiden Garbutt from the point found its way through a few players to make it 1-0 in the first. The goal was assisted by Shawn Walker and the many players in front who screened the helpless Bracebridge goalie.

Bracebridge tied the score before the end of the first but our team stormed back in the second and scored two goals which appeared to put the game out of reach. Ben Schmidt scored the first goal after some great forecheck-

ing by he and Matthew Manning while short-handed and Jaxson Campbell scored on a deflection off a shot from the point by Bo Stevenson.

The game looked to be well in hand throughout much of the third, especially with the superior goaltending of Carson Sisson, but with just under a minute left, Bracebridge scored to elevate the nerves a wee bit. Still the boys were able to persevere and the win puts them one away from taking the regional championship! Game 2 is on Friday night in Bracebridge and if necessary, Sunday at 2 p.m. in Haliburton will decide it all!

Go Storm Go!!

Local sports news are available on our website: haliburtonecho.ca

LENTEN PARISH MISSION

St. Anthony of Padua Church
Haliburton, Ontario

PRESENTER - REV. JOACHIM O. NNANNA

SUNDAY, April 10

4:00 pm - 4:30 pm Exposition of the
Blessed Sacrament
4:30 pm - Benediction and opening Homily

MONDAY, April 11

7:00 pm - Mission Mass and Homily

TUESDAY, April 12

7:00 pm - Mission Mass and Homily

Sacrament of Penance (Confession)
Monday and Tuesday evenings following Mass

You are most welcome!

WINTERGREEN MAPLE SYRUP AND PANCAKE BARN

OPENS SAT. MARCH 5TH

and then all Sat. and Sun.

in March and April 9am to 4pm

Early spring heralds the annual "sugaring off" in the sugar bushes of Haliburton County. It's a wonderful time to get the family out in the open air and sunshine to experience one of our county's most traditional families activities. Come and view the evaporation process through the glass wall of our restaurant while savouring freshly made maple syrup on pancakes, French toast, maple baked beans and our specially prepared farmer's sausages. A wide variety of maple products (also jams, jellies, mustards, BBQ sauces, and fresh canned produce) are available in our retail area.

Cheque or cash only. Join us at 2pm
every Sat. and Sun. for taffy-on-snow at Sourdough
Sam's Cabin (as long as we have snow).

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**General
Employment**

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HELP WANTED

June till October, approximately 15 to 25 hours per week. Must have good hygiene, work well with others, enjoy physical work. Aptitude for mechanical repairs, warehouse handling experience would be a plus. Highlands East location.

Please forward resume including work history with references to:

Box #6312, c/o Haliburton Echo, Box 360, Haliburton, ON K0M 1S0

Thank you for applying, however only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

**General
Employment**

A800

LABOURER'S NEEDED

Local Landscaping and Property Maintenance company is looking to expand. If you have experience in, Horticulture, Turf Management, or Landscape Construction.

**Please forward
your resume and
cover letter to:**



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We are currently looking to fill a position temporary to cover our Hardware/Tools Department.

Applicants should have a strong background in Hardware, tools and Power tools. Please apply at Haliburton Home Hardware see Ray or Doug with resume. No phone calls please.

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**General
Employment**

A800

NEW YEAR NEW CAREER

Walsten Marine is looking for hire a Boat Cleaner-Detailer. We are looking for a motivated, reliable, detail oriented person to fill this Full-time Seasonal Position starting mid April. Please fax resumes to 705-488-3234 or email service@walstenmarine.com

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**General
Employment**

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Job Site Crew

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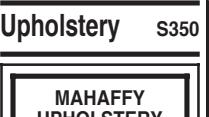
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A special thank you to the staff at Peterborough Regional Centre, Palliative Care Unit for their care & compassion. Thank you to Kirsten, Sarah & Barry at Gorden Monks Funeral Home for their help & understanding. Also, thank you to the Ladies of the Minden United Church for the lovely luncheon they supplied.

Lastly, thank you Randy Warburton for the personal service you delivered. What a lovely personal touch to say good-bye.

Bud Stamp & Family

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Words can not express how truly grateful we are for the thoughtfulness, caring and compassion given to our family during this stressful time.

Thank you for taking the time to show concern, give encourage, and provide Claude and Gail the support needed to facilitate a speedy recovery at home!

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The family of the late James French wish to send out our heartfelt thanks to all of our relatives, friends, neighbours and members of the community for being there for us in this extremely difficult time. Thank you for the phone calls, the visits, the wonderful meals and the kind words and gestures. The cards and flowers were beautiful. We would also like to thank you so much for the donations to Austin's education fund, they were greatly appreciated.

It is very consoling to know just how many people care.

Thank you Troy and Jason Main for the beautiful song you wrote and performed in James' memory. It was very touching and he would have loved it. Your performance later at the Wilberforce Legion was truly enjoyed.

Thanks to Dave Burton for performing the service and to everyone that participated in the eulogies and the celebration of James' life.

Thank you to the Wilberforce First Response Team for their valiant effort.

Lastly thanks to Dwaine and Lori Lloyd and their staff at the Haliburton Community Funeral home for their expertise, understanding and warmth.

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Percy Lavern 'Bernie' Lewis

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Visitation & Funeral Service

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Shirley McCarthy

(Resident of Haliburton Lake, Ontario)

Peacefully at Haliburton Hospital on Friday morning, March 18, 2011 in her 90th year. Loving daughter of the late Charles & Eva Chamberlin. Predeceased by her three husbands. Loving mother of Barry Cook of Haliburton. Dear sister of Audrey Severs of Calgary, Alberta. Predeceased by her sisters Phyllis & Betty.

Also lovingly remembered by her many nieces and nephews. Shirley enjoyed life at Haliburton Lake and was an active participant in the Fort Irwin Resident's Association (FIRA) and enjoyed the company of her many friends.

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A Remembrance Gathering will be held at a later date. As expressions of sympathy donations to the Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary or the Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated by the family. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209.

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Deaths

CROWE, Opal (nee Hewitt) - Passed away peacefully at home with her family by her side on Saturday, March 19, 2011. In her 70th year. Loving wife of Don for 51 years. Dear mother of Steve and Sharon, Terry and friend Heather, Darryl and Gail, Rob, Craig and Stephanie. Cherished grandma of Abby, Sterling, Alyssa, J.D., Kelsey, Courtney, Nathan, Colin, Emma and Jamie. Loving daughter of Beulah Hewitt (Raymond, deceased), sister of Elaine and the late Wayne Anderson, Joy and Don Kellett, Valorie and the late Bryce Gilbert, sister-in-law of Pennay Hewitt, predeceased by her brothers Moyer, and Sterling Hewitt. Opal will be missed by many friends and extended family. A Memorial Service will be held at the **GORDON A. MONK FUNERAL HOME LTD.**, 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0 at a later date. Cremation has taken place. Memorial Donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation or to the Charity of your choice would be appreciated by the family.

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HUTCHINSON, Norman Russell - (Retired from GM Car Plant 1994). Passed away at the Peterborough Regional Health Centre on Monday, March 7, 2011 after a courageous battle with cancer. At the age of 68. Beloved husband of Nancy (nee Exon) for 49 years. Dear father of Linda and her husband Kevin, Larry, and Wanda. Loving papa of Megan, Ryan, Lauren, Devon and Alyssa. Dear brother of Maxine Snell (the late Os), Ray (Peggy) Hutchinson, Roger (Liz) Hutchinson, Harvey (Cathy) Hutchinson, predeceased by Charlie, Ralph, and Margaret. Fondly remembered by many nieces, nephews, family, and friends. Friends are invited to visit the family at the **GORDON A. MONK FUNERAL HOME LTD.**, 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., Minden on Friday evening from 7 - 9 pm. Funeral Service will be held in the chapel on Saturday, March 12, 2011 at 1:00 pm. Cremation will follow. Memorial Donations to the Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated by the family. www.gordonmonkfuneralhome.com

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TYLER, Charles - Passed away peacefully at the Haliburton Hospital on Wednesday, March 9, 2011. In his 90th year. Born on the Waverley Brook Farm, Haliburton on May 2, 1921. A Farmer, Appliance Repair Man, Veneer Plant Manager, Computer Tech and was a fine maker of Maple Syrup. His agricultural career spanned from a scythe to a computerized combine. Beloved husband of the late Beulah (nee Walker) (2008). Dear father of Randolph (Jocelyn), Helen (deceased 2010) (Terry) Watkiss, Reginald (Cindy), Lillian (Jim) Rowe, William (Linda), Godfrey (Jean), Viola Tyler (Murray Laing). Loving grandfather of 18 grandchildren and 5.5 great grandchildren. Dear brother of Doreen (deceased) (Lawrence) Smith, Ron (deceased) (Jean), Shirley (Murray) Woodcock, Marguerite (Hugh) Lane, Keith (Barb), and sister-in-law of Becky Dawson. Fondly remembered by his many nieces, nephews, family and friends. Friends are invited to visit the family in the Fellowship Hall at the Haliburton United Church on Friday from 2-4 and 7-9 pm. The Memorial Service will be held at the Church on Saturday, March 12, 2011 at 11:00 am. Reception will follow in the Fellowship Hall. Cremation has taken place. Memorial Donations to SIRCH Community Hospice or to Haliburton Community Care would be appreciated by the family and can be arranged through the **GORDON A. MONK FUNERAL HOME LTD.**, P.O. Box 427 Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0.

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